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FEEDING HILLS RESIDENT Arthur Femmel looks over a scrapbook with Chinese college students Yizhen (Jane) Gu and Jun (Sally) Quin at his Letendre Avenue home. Both young women will be graduating from AIC on Sunday, May 23rd. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Feeding Hills Family Enjoys Hosting Two Chinese College Students

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Yizhen (Jane) Gu and Jun (Sally) Quin of Shanghai, China have brought honors to themselves, their host family, Jane and Arthur H. Femmel of 116 Letendre Ave., Feeding Hills, and their families in China.

At an academic awards assembly at American International College May 4th at the Esther B. Griswold Theater, Jane was awarded the "Herbert E. Schubert Memorial Award" for excellence by a senior in the Finance Department, and Sally received the "Sydney Trager Scholarship Award" as the outstanding senior in the accounting discipline. The young women are the top students academically in their respective departments of the class of 1993. They will graduate May 23rd.

Sally took a Certified Public Accounting examination last week and should know in July

whether she passed or not. Certification also requires two years of experience in the field. She will seek employment in Boston after graduation and plans eventually to return to China to work in international commerce in Shanghai.

Jane is the daughter of doctors. Her father is a general practitioner and her mother is in pediatrics, having switched from gynecology. Her sister will graduate from high school this summer. Being a doctor in China is not the same as here, Jane explained, as the government determines where you will work and where you can live.

Chinese women retain their maiden names when they marry, Jane said, so her parents have different last names. It is also customary for

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Johnson Pushes For Tuckahoe At Special Meeting

According to Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, the Town of Agawam still retains first right of refusal on the 292-acre Tuckahoe Turf Farm in Feeding Hills and that the community should also seek eminent domain proceedings to protect its vital interests in securing ownership of the farmland.

During an hour-long presentation before a special session of Town Council last Thursday night, Johnson outlined many points why the town should buy the property, which is located off South West and Pine Streets.

The day before the public hearing, local developer Ralph DePalma confirmed that Johnson had received a letter from Tuckahoe Turf Farms, owners of the property, that the sale of the town's largest parcel of farmland would proceed under section 61A of the Mass. General Laws.

First Right Of Refusal

This, according to DePalma, would maintain the 292-acres as farmland and would in effect negate the town's right of first refusal. Because the land currently receives tax breaks for being maintained as farmland, any sale of the entire parcel or any piece of it for purposes other than farming gives Agawam the opportunity to buy it during a specified time frame.

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Crossing Guards For Clark School OK'd By School Committee

by Iris Copson
School Department Editor

The transportation subcommittee of the Agawam School Committee met on May 7th and presented its recommendation that a crossing guard be posted at Clark Elementary School on South Street during the School Committee meeting on May 11th.

Prior to the subcommittee's recommendation, Clark parents Patricia DeLuca and Donna Bodurtha spoke to the board during Citizen's Speak.

Mrs. DeLuca said that she attended the May 7th meeting and noted, "Based on the increased volume of cars, the high rate of speed, and the age of children (involved in crossing South Street), Safety Officer Al Longhi recommended that a permanent crossing guard be placed at Clark School.

She urged the board to accept the recommendation.

Mrs. Bodurtha added, "The area on South Street has been proven to be a safety hazard. It is a fact. Please don't push this issue aside. Please don't wait until it is too late."

School Committee Secretary Linda Galarneau presented the report of the subcommittee meeting held May 7th. She said Associate Superintendent Donald Charest began the meeting and explained that the function of the transportation subcommittee was to take over when the committee and parents could not reach an agreement.

SEE CROSSING GUARDS - Education Sec.

AHS AWARDS NIGHT

Tuesday, June 1st

All local scholarship donors and student recipients are asked to come to the AHS foyer at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 1st for pictures with Jack Devine to be published in our June 17th Graduation Edition.

TUCKAHOE TURF - from Page 1...

The deadline for Agawam to buy the land is June 16th. The purchase price has been listed as \$1.1 million.

At the special council meeting, Johnson refuted the latest "monkey wrench" tossed into the process and said that owners original assertion to sell the property for purposes of building residential housing was still on the table. He said the town's legal position was too strong to negate its first option to buy the land.

Johnson said the council would further protect the town's interests by approving taking the land by eminent domain. Johnson said the town has specified purposes for taking the land under this procedure (if it becomes necessary).

When asked by Councilor Nancy Gravel if the town could be expected to be sued by the developers over who can or can't buy the land, Johnson responded that a law suit is possible but again reiterated that the town's position is too strong based on legal interpretations he received from the town solicitor, as well as other legal counsel he obtained from attorneys well-versed in these type of situations.

Would Strain Town Services

During his pitch to buy the land, Johnson said that allowing it to be developed for residential housing would strain town services, remove more valuable open space from the community, and endanger the Route 57 construction project.

A portion of Phase II of Route 57 is scheduled to slice through a northerly portion of Tuckahoe Turf Farms. According to Johnson, state officials told him that a sale of the land to the development firm could complicate and delay the road's completion.

Johnson again said between 200-300 homes could be built there and that based on 200 homes being built, the cost of supplying services, including schools, DPW, and general government would be \$789,294 a year.

According to him, the town would receive \$394,500 in tax revenue, making the net loss just under \$400,000 per year.

Johnson also outlined ways the town could offset having to bond for the \$1.1 million, including selling 8-10 lots off Pine Street at a price between \$40,000 to \$45,000 per lot; selling development rights of some of the land to the state for preservation; selling the land needed to complete Route 57 to the state.



TOWN OFFICIALS PUSHING for the town to purchase the 292-acre Tuckahoe Turf Farm are pictured at the pond inside turf farm. From left - George Bitzas, council vice-president; Christopher C. Johnson, mayor; and James Taylor, council president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Some of the councilors heaped mounds of praise on Johnson for his presentation, which was televised live on Cable Channel 5.

The council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 1st and is also scheduled to vote on the purchase following the hearing.

Eight votes of the 11 member council (two-thirds) is necessary to okay the purchase. Earlier this week, Councilor Joanne Willis, who has been at odds with Johnson over many issues during the past year, announced her support for the purchase. Also, Councilor Louis Russo, Johnson's most vocal detractor on the council, clearly indicated at the special meeting last Thursday that he was in favor as well.

LEGAL NOTICE**LEGAL NOTICE****PUBLIC HEARING
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In accordance with Article 8, Section 8-1(b) of the Agawam Town Charter, the Agawam Town Council will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 1, 1993 at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA with regard to a petition, regarding the proposed town purchase of the property known as Tuckahoe Turf.

Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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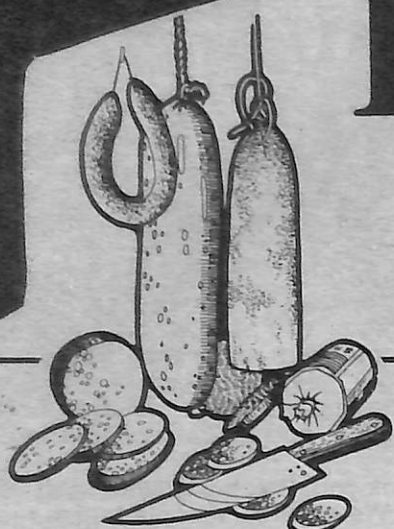
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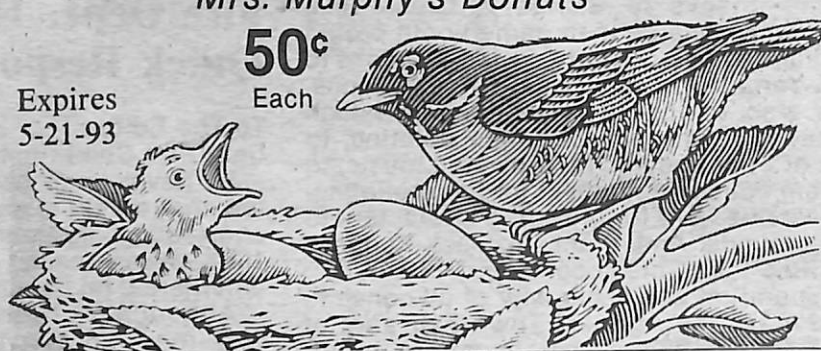
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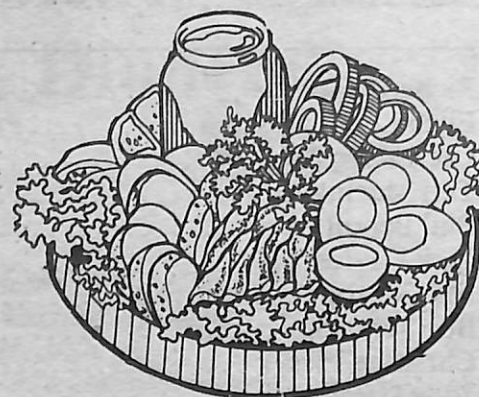
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Letters To The Editor

Jr. Women's Club Sends Kudos For Great Town Fair

To The Editor:

The Agawam Junior Women's Club would like to thank all those individuals, organizations, and businesses who helped make our second annual Agawam Town Fair such a success. The weather was perfect and approximately 1,200 people came and had lots of fun.

A big thanks to Mayor Chris Johnson, Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney, Detective Wayne Macey, DARE Officer Donald Gallerani, AAN Sports Editor Bob Johnson, and phys. ed. instructor Kirk Parker for being dunked so many times. You were all good sports, even though the water was so cold.

We would also again like to thank the many businesses who were so generous with their contributions:

Christo's Restaurant, Riverside Park, Milton Bradley, Poggio's Pizza, Valenti's Restaurant, Southworth Paper Company, Healthy Habits, Pizza Hut, Chicken Queen, Casa Di Lisa, Parthenon Pizza, Partners Restaurant, EB's Restaurant, Take Five Restaurant, Friendly's, Larry Mobil, Agawam Public Market, and Schlaffer Chiropractic.

Also, Feeding Hills Public Market, La Mirage, H.P. Hood, Agawam McDonald's, Amanda's Restaurant, Agawam Spirit Shoppe, The Rollaway, Alvin's Restaurant, Feeding Hills Pharmacy, Wes's Package Store, Olde Sykes Mill Country Store, Peterjon's Gourmet Ice Cream, CHH Engraving/Off the Wall Soccer, Pajer Superette, Sand Trap, Lego Systems, Inc., All For A Dollar, and Frito-Lay.

And, thank you to those organizations who sponsored game booths at the fair and helped make the fair a real town event:

Agawam Congregational Church Youth Group; Boy Scout Troop 82; Boy Scout Troop 78; Valley Community Church Youth Group; Agawam United Methodist Church; St. David's Jr. & Sr. High Church Youth Group; Stacey Morse (for Up With People); and International Youth Council—PWP.

Additional thanks to George & Green Real Estate Co. who donated their game booth profits to the Children's Miracle Network. And, thanks to Stearns & Yerrall who gave out 700 free balloons.

Thanks also to the 10 junior high and high school students who provided face painting; to Ken Peck of Pink Cadillac for providing music; to the Agawam Police Department for fingerprinting; and to Riverside Park for providing characters to stroll the grounds. And, thanks to Jack Kunasek of Park & Rec for all his cooperation.

The cooperation and generosity of all concerned helped make the Agawam Town Fair a lot of fun for everyone and a real townwide effort. Thanks again for your support!

Sincerely,
The Agawam Junior Women's Club

Mayor Congratulated On Appointment Of Treasurer

To The Editor:

I want to congratulate Mayor Johnson and his appointed committee on their selection of a town treasurer.

It's good to know that Agawam does not live in a vacuum. Since Agawam is an equal opportunity employer, it should be expected that Mayor Johnson would post the job position in several Massachusetts newspapers. This protects the town from hiring people and friends through political connections and concentrates on the qualifications for the job being posted.

In a recession, ambitious, educated people who are laid off or seeking other employment usually take the time to position themselves for the higher paying jobs. They usually do this by returning to college, reading magazines pertaining to all aspects of their field, joining associations to provide a support base for new ideas, and show tremendous experience with not one organization but a few for a broader perspective of the field they are in.

I went to the town hall and picked up a list of job requirements for this position. At the top of the list were educational requirements for MBA, CPA, or BA with many years of experience in the accounting field. Municipal experience was not the only criteria to meet the requirements for this position.

With numerous resumes from highly qualified people, many with accounting backgrounds, why would the Mayor settle for someone who only knows how Agawam does its accounting?

Promoting people within for top management positions where leadership qualities, education, and different skills might be required causes the organization to remain in a vacuum and to function without change.

The committee who did the interviewing were in the best position to determine which candidate would make changes to improve services which are of great concern to all people, not just those few with their own special interests at heart.

Apparently no Agawam applicants met all the job requirements the Mayor and his appointed committee were looking for. The Mayor received several resumes, including one from me, a personal friend of the Mayor, an Agawam resident, and a holder of an MBA from a top Ivy League college. After reading the qualifications of the new treasurer in the newspaper, I was convinced that the woman selected for this position was much more qualified than I.

With their focus on what's best for Agawam, the Mayor and his appointed committee chose wisely.

Cindy L. Sanford
Agawam

Fire Dept. Thanked For Quick Response By Resident

To The Editor:

Dear Fire Chief Rusty Jenks:

I'll never know how to thank your department for the quick response, the professional and courteous care your firemen displayed on April 19th, when called upon in response to an emergency on behalf of my husband, Richard.

Although my husband died of a cardiac arrest, your men did everything in their power to save him.

In Appreciation,
Janet Scannell
84 Spencer Street
Agawam

DePalma Receives Bad Rap; Homeowners Heap Praise

To The Editor:

We have recently moved here from out of state. We interviewed a number of builders and finally selected Ralph DePalma to build our home.

We are trying to familiarize ourselves with the local issues. It appears to us that a character assassination regarding Ralph DePalma is going on. At this time, the only issue we can speak to is in defense of Mr. DePalma.

We found him to be a man of great integrity. He delivered to us everything he said he would, and more. He was not only concerned with building a beautiful home for us, but the environmental impact as well.

We are not first time 'home builders,' so we do draw upon a wealth of experience, mostly unpleasant. Working with Mr. DePalma was indeed an extremely pleasant experience. He was very sensitive to our needs, worked unrelentingly (right through the blizzard) to get us into our home in a timely fashion, and actually completed ahead of schedule.

We thank you, Ralph DePalma et al, for making us happy. We also feel that our fellow residents of Agawam should know that he is a man of his word, strength of character and moral values.

Respectfully,
Joan and Ray Anderson
Agawam

Man Without A Country...

To The Editor:

As I was reading the obituaries a couple of weeks ago, I read with interest about a friend I've known for years. I even got to know his family and relatives pretty well. We played "ball" together, we biked together, yes, we even got into trouble together.

I would have liked to talk to family members, but in seeking information about his passing, I knew that a call to the family would only result in negative comments about my friend, and I would probably end up being arrested for vulgar language.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Saturday, May 22nd
Ag. Marching Mohawks Tag Sale
At Agawam High School
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Monday, May 24th
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CHINESE STUDENTS - from Page 1...

Chinese students to take American first names. Her name was Jane before she met Mrs. Femmel.

Sally's father died when she was six years-old and her mother passed on when she was 15. She sometimes lives with one of her three sisters, but most of the time (since she was 12) has lived on the high school campus of China's top school for gifted students, which she attended. "The school has a 140-year history," she said proudly.

Family Opened Their Home And Hearts

The two did not come to Agawam through any program, but because of the caring of Mr. & Mrs. Femmel. The couple has a son, Richard, who taught for 1½ years at Textile University in Shanghai. The Femmels visited Richard several years ago and were taken with his students, (Jane and Sally were among them). The two young women wanted to study in America so badly that the Femmels helped in every way they could, primarily by offering them residence at their home while attending AIC.

The Femmel's five children (three boys and two girls) are all grown. Richard married a Chinese girl and they now live in Fitchburg.

At AIC, Sally works as a computer lab assistant and Jane works in Performing Arts (as financial assistant to the director). In her position, Jane has been able to travel, including to other colleges such as The Elms and Williams, to set up exhibits, attend lectures, etc. She works under AIC's sculpture-in-residence, Alvin Paige.

Both belong to the International Club at AIC and meet with international students from other colleges. With many Asian students, they attend "Live Class" (a religious group meeting at Evangelical Covenant Church, Springfield). "In China, religion is not encouraged," Jane said. "It is not prohibited, but it is not encouraged," Sally clarified.

Language has been the most difficult adjustment the women feel. They understood English while in China, (Shanghai is a city of 12 million people, especially crowded around the sea) and claim they have no trouble communicating on a day-to-day basis. But when it comes to oral reports or interviews, they feel handicapped. They like most foods here, including pizza, but prefer Chinese dishes.

Bowling For The First Time

These two beautiful Oriental law students love to dance and spoke of American type music being played in Shanghai, but bowling they had never heard of.

Exchanging amused glances, they told of being invited to go bowling by friends and they consented with enthusiasm. They got all dressed up; dresses, jewelry, stockings. En route, their friends only told them how nice they looked. Yes, they bowled and felt everyone was looking at them and thinking them "nuts." Being good sports, they have bowled several times since and like it.

The girls interrupted each other in exuberance, expressing appreciation for the opportunities available to them in this country, and they are especially thankful for the Femmel family, "and for all they have done for us."

"You see, in China, the government controls everything, telling you where to live and where to work. You can't just move without government permission," Sally said. "What is most attractive to Chinese is that everything here makes you feel freedom—religion, politics, school activities, etc.," Jane said. "It is a personal freedom that lets you become what you can be."

LETTERS - from Page 4...

I can't believe that a person would be put to rest by his "family" the way that he was. I hope that his family is at "ease," for I think that it was downright dirty, in plain English, to let this man's passing go unnoticed, except for the notice in the paper letting the world know of his passing. Even a "street bum" would have been given more attention at the time of their "demise" than my friend received.

It's very hard to believe that a person would put their "partner" to rest that way! There is an old saying that goes "What goes around, comes around!"

So long, buddy. Rest in peace, wherever you are.

**A Concerned Friend,
DAB
Feeding Hills**

Lalli Case Proves Voice Of Residents Means Nothing**To The Editor:**

In the past two publications of *The Advertiser News*, the editorials by some of the residents have

proven that the town is finally waking up to the total disregard the present administration has for the people.

The case of the Lallis is the final proof. The Mayor once again has proven the voice of the residents means nothing to him. The town is in error, but the Lallis are the ones being made to pay for their mistake. This is not only wrong, but unfair.

Mr. Johnson was re-elected because of the failure of the whole town coming out to vote. It certainly was not because of his record. The latest hiring of one more person hired from outside of Agawam should prove where his objects lie.

The behavior of the council members, excluding the few who stood up for the rights of the Lallis, is inexcusable.

Since Christopher Johnson has been in office, the council meetings have been close to kindergarten antics. Miss Willis and a few others have stood up to the dictatorial regime and put down.

My former editorials were put down by one of the Mayor's backers. Everything I wrote about was true. Mr. Sherbach chose to ridicule me publicly. He forgot that one of our "Freedoms" is freedom of speech, which every American is entitled to

have. He was entitled to his opinion the same as I was. The citizens of the town have first say, the elected officials are supposed to take care of business for us, which is not the case nor has been the case. It has been an administration of dictatorship.

You shock me, Jim Taylor. Have you forgotten the political low blow you were dealt in the 80's within the organization we both belonged to, or have you forgotten? You complained to me about the favoritism and your being stepped over for a promotion. You of all people I expected would stand up for the Lallis.

Four out of 10 council members who show concern for the residents certainly prove the sad management the town has. Maybe now Agawam will remedy the situation in the next election.

**June Boissonault
Agawam**

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TOWN COUNCILOR JOANNE WILLIS

Willis Calls For More Cooperation Between Mayor & Town Council

Joanne Willis, Agawam Town Councilor and candidate for Mayor, has outlined her plans for a mutual and cooperative working relationship between the Town Council and the Mayor's Office.

Citing the need to keep the Council better informed and to keep charges of favoritism from impairing relations between the Council and the administration, Willis promised a "no surprises" strategy in regard to key issues and proposals to come before the Council.

"During my two terms on the Council, I was dismayed to learn of several proposals through the press. It is difficult to face constituent questions or concerns with no information at hand," she said.

Willis stated she would ask the Council to hold budget subcommittee meetings on a quarterly basis to allow department heads to outline departmental needs and public requests for services. Councilors would therefore receive more in-depth knowledge of daily operations.

"The Council needs to be updated on a periodic basis of all information relating to the fiscal condition of the city. Fiscal responsibility does not end with the adoption of the budget," said Willis.

She added, "I shall continue the tradition of agenda meetings with the Council President and the Council Vice-President. Moreover, at no time shall I bypass the Council leadership to relay official business to individual councilors."

As a councilor, Willis worked to keep the Town Council better informed. She sponsored a Council rule to allow all 11 members to receive the proposed school department budget and to provide for its review by the entire Council. Upon her request, the auditor provides data on all in-house transfers to the Council.

Councilor Willis proposed a symposium of local elected officials with Agawam's state representative and state senator to foster a closer working relationship among the officials. The symposium was held in early 1992 with many officials participating.

As Council President, Willis sent weekly memos to the Council to keep them abreast of ongoing Council business, and she invited all the Council members to attend on a rotating basis the agenda meetings with the Mayor, President, and Vice-President.

Willis concluded, "The door of the Mayor's Office shall be open to each and every councilor. There shall be equal access for all members of the Council. I shall not demand nor shall I seek the personal loyalty of individual councilors—our loyalty as elected officials rests solely with the people of Agawam."

(For further information, contact Joanne Willis at [413] 789-1360.)

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by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

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Once you've installed your smoke detectors, their maintenance is very important. Your detector should be tested a minimum of once a month by pressing the test button or using smoke.

Replace the batteries according to the manufacturer's recommendations, or at least once a year, using the type of batteries recommended. Because dust and cobwebs can impair the sensitivity of the detector, follow the manufacturer's directions for cleaning.

Properly installed and maintained smoke detectors can provide you and your family with the necessary early warning to escape a home fire. For additional information on the purchase and placement of smoke detectors, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held by the Massachusetts Highway Department to discuss the proposed Relocation of Route 57 in Agawam and Southwick.

WHERE: Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, Massachusetts.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 26, 1993 at 7:00 p.m.

PURPOSE: The Hearing is to be held to provide the public with the opportunity of becoming fully acquainted with the Draft Environmental Assessment/Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the proposed project. All views and comments made at this Hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of the reconstruction of Route 57 in Agawam and Southwick on a new alignment extending from South Westfield Street, northwesterly for approximately 2.2 miles to existing Route 57 near the Agawam/Southwick Town line at Provin Mountain. Relocated Route 57 will be constructed as a four lane limited access divided highway roughly paralleling existing Route 57 between South Westfield and South West Streets. Near South West Street, Relocated Route 57 will transition to an undivided rural highway, with one travel lane in each direction and a climbing lane for westbound trucks. A full diamond interchange will be provided by adding two access ramps and a bridge to carry South Westfield Street over Relocated Route 57. An at grade signalized intersection may be constructed at South West Street. Alternatives have been developed which provide a grade separation at South West Street, but do not allow access to and egress from Relocated Route 57.

The project is intended to resolve long standing safety and capacity deficiencies, in traffic operations and access, on existing Route 57 in Agawam, and to provide increased traffic capacity while moving traffic along an east-west corridor.

The Draft Environmental Assessment/Supplemental Environmental Impact Report is available for review at the respective city and town clerk's offices or libraries of Agawam and Southwick or from Thomas Hession at 10 Park Plaza, Room 4260, Boston, MA 02116.

Written views received by the Department and subsequent to the date of notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to oral statements at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking, are to be submitted to Michael W. Swanson, Chief Engineer, Massachusetts Highway Department, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. The final date for receipt of these statements and exhibits will be ten days after this public hearing.

The plans will be on display with an engineer in attendance at the Middle School from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. on the date of the hearing.

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Agawam To Celebrate Memorial Day

Newly elected Agawam Veterans' Council Chairman, Jerry Couture, has announced plans for the 1993 Memorial Day Observance.

On Monday, May 31st, the Town of Agawam will observe Memorial Day, honoring those veterans who rendered the supreme sacrifice of their lives so that we and our children could continue to live in freedom.

The graves of all veterans whose remains are interred in Agawam cemeteries will be flagged on May 22nd by members of the Agawam Veterans' Council, V.F.W. Post 1632 and American Legion Post 185.

On Sunday, May 30th, a memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills with Pastor Dr. Bob Murray officiating. All are welcome to attend.

Monday, Memorial Day, promises to be very special in that the ceremonies will include dedication of the Agawam Veterans' Community Gazebo.

Schedule of Memorial Day events are as follows:

8:00 a.m. - WWI Memorial Service on Springfield Street in front of American Legion Post 185.

8:30 a.m. - Memorial Service, Springfield Street Cemetery.

9:00 a.m. - Memorial Service, Agawam Center Cemetery.

10:00 a.m. - Parade Assembly, Southworth Paper Co. (Main Street).

10:30 a.m. - Step-off time. One mile march south on Main Street to Veterans Green where ceremonies will be held.

This is Agawam's only parade and the Veteran's Council is looking forward to having as many residents as possible join them in honoring Agawam's veterans.

The Veterans' Council is extending an open invitation to all area veterans who would like to march in this year's parade. If there is anyone else who would like to participate in the parade and has not been contacted, please call Ruth Bitzas, Veteran Agent, at Town Hall (786-0400, ext. 236 or 237) as soon as possible.

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the day!

Obituary

George R. Lombard

George Richard Lombard, 60, of 133 Beverly Hills Lower, a former athlete and a 33-year customer service representative for Western Massachusetts Electric Co., died at home recently.

He worked in the credit department, and retired in 1991.

Born in Biddeford, Maine, he lived in West Springfield for 52 years, and was a member of First Baptist Church. He was a 1951 graduate of West Springfield High School, and played on the varsity football team.

He played in the Western Massachusetts Bowling League, and belonged to the Elm-Belcher Masonic Lodge in Agawam.

He leaves his wife of 41 years, the former Mabel J. McLean; two sons, Richard E. of South Hadley and Ronald D. at home; six daughters, Joan S. Lamontague and Linda M. Barnack of Springfield, Carol A. LaRiviere of Belchertown, Donna M. O'Toole of Agawam, Dale E. Cote of West Springfield, and Judy L. LaRiviere of Chicopee; his mother, Marie T. (Wood) Lombard of West Springfield; a sister, Patricia L. Machnik of Wales, and 21 grandchildren.

The funeral was at Agawam Funeral Home, with burial in Paucatuck Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association, 570 Cottage Street, Box 51947, Springfield, MA 01151-5947, or the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International, P.O. Box 80715, Forest Park Station, Springfield, MA 01138.

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1993 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of ANTHONY J. KRZYKOWSKI, JR., who is seeking a ruling concerning a previously issued Variance, Case No. 824, for which he is seeking relief in accordance with Section 180-41 of the current Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a single family residence with less than the required frontage at the premises identified as 343 NORTH WEST STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Anthony Grimaldi, Acting Chairman
Published: May 13, 1993

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, May 27th, 1993 at 7:05 PM, in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, at the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability for Decorative Specialties International, Inc. for property located along the Westfield River.

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
Published: May 20, 1993

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IN PHOTO LEFT, Agawam Project DARE Officer Donald Gallerani receives a check from Rosemarie Maniscalco at the club's Annual Banquet on May 3rd at Storowton Tavern; IN PHOTO RIGHT, member Alice Olson is pictured with Zarina Rodrigues who was visiting Mrs. Olson in her Feeding Hills home. Zarina is a close friend of Father Hedwig Lewis, who was stationed at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills (of which Mrs. Olson is a long-time parishioner). Mrs. Olson recently returned from a trip to India with Pat Mesick, another town resident. The two women are each wearing a sari, which is traditional clothing for an Indian woman. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 24th: Salisbury steak, egg noodles, peppers & onions, rye bread, pear.

Tuesday, May 25th: Hamburg gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, Canadian oat bread, prunes.

Wednesday, May 26th: Grape juice, turkey pot-pie (potatoes, turkey, onions, peas, carrots, celery), whole wheat bread, tossed salad, brownie.

Thursday, May 27th: Baked chicken leg, potato fries, zucchini, pumpernickel bread, vanilla pudding with whipped topping.

Friday, May 28th: Baked fish, baked beans, coleslaw, rye bread, canned peaches.

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AHS Class Of 1953 Gathers For 40th



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH Class of 1953 gathered to celebrate their 40th class reunion on Saturday, May 1st at Old Betty's Towne House in Agawam. MORE PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Local AARP To Meet At Senior Center

The A.A.R.P. will meet Monday, May 24th, at 1:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center.

The speaker for the meeting will be Sandra Mozdzanowski, marketing representative for John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co. Her topic will be "The Homestead Act" and changes in the Massachusetts estate laws.

This is of interest to all seniors, stated Jessie Fuller, President of the A.A.R.P. She urges all members to attend.

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Three Cheers For Agawam High Class Of '53



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH CLASS OF 1953 gathered for a gala 40th reunion at Betty's Towne House on May 1st. IN PHOTO LEFT, classmates who traveled the furthest to attend included - Bob Couture, Chicago; Al McEwan, Washington; Betty Ohler, San Diego; Eileen Anderson, Florida; and Reverend Jeffery Atwater, Ohio. IN PHOTO RIGHT, the committee responsible for putting together the reunion included Beverly Tetreault, Barbara (Borgatti) Rovelli, Richard A. August, Ellen Claus Dzienisz, and Gail Peeso Bates. Seated -Geraldine Fogg, Lois Ruby, and Janet Wysocki. GROUP PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Mayor Johnson To Serve As MC At Western Mass. GOP Annual Picnic

The eighth annual Western Mass. Republicans' Picnic will be held on Friday, June 4th, at the West Springfield/Agawam Elks Pavilion in West Springfield. The picnic, which will feature the area's Republican legislators, will begin at 5:00 p.m., and the speaking program will start about 6:30 p.m.

Agawam Mayor Christopher Johnson will be the Master of Ceremonies. Invitations have been extended to the elected Republican statewide officials and potential candidates for state and

federal offices in 1994. The leadership of the Massachusetts Republican State Committee will be represented at this event.

Everyone is welcome to attend. A ticket for a single person is \$10 and includes food and beverage; family tickets are \$15 per family. For additional picnic information or to order a ticket, call Attorney Donald P. Whitney, 736-8835 (office) or 782-3321 (home).

Knitting Guild Plans To Meet In F. Hills

The Greater Springfield Knitting Guild will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Yarn Shop, 360 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

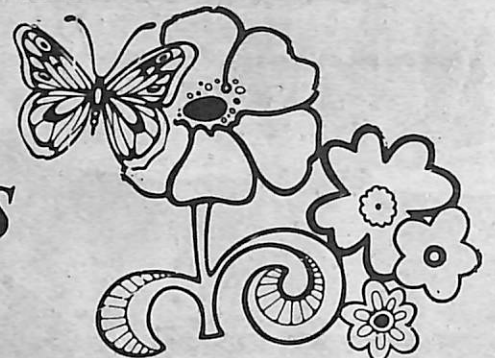
This month, "One Row Buttonholes" will be taught.

All knitters, both beginners and advanced, are welcome. For further information, contact Sally at 536-2273 or Martha at (203) 745-5870.



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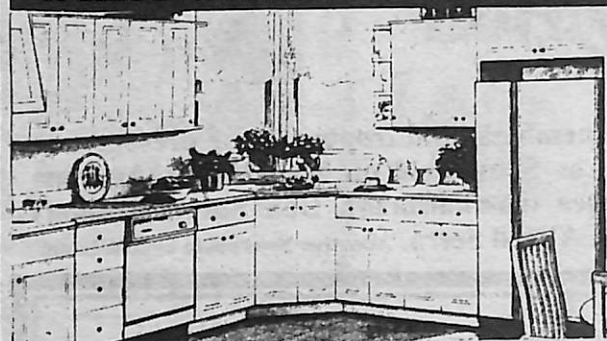
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Great Day For Lions Club Car Show



AGAWAM LIONS CLUB members Art Fuchs and John Negrucci (standing) and Bob Gravel and Roger Jones (seated) were on hand to help with the club's Annual Car Show on May 2nd at Agawam High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM LIONESS CLUB MEMBERS, from left - Lillian Doyle, Mary Roy, Pat Lalancette, Rosemarie Maniscalco, and Rosemarie Kieffer were on hand at the Lions Club's Annual Car Show to conduct a bake sale. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM LIONS CLUB members hold trophies to be presented to "Best Of" at the Annual Car Show held on May 2nd at Agawam High. From left - Joe Bianca (co-chairman), Don Sorel, Anthony Bonavita (co-chairman), and Alfred Serra. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LIONS CLUB MEMBERS manning the grill at the Annual Car Show on May 2nd included (from left) George Schlager, George Collins, and George Fedora. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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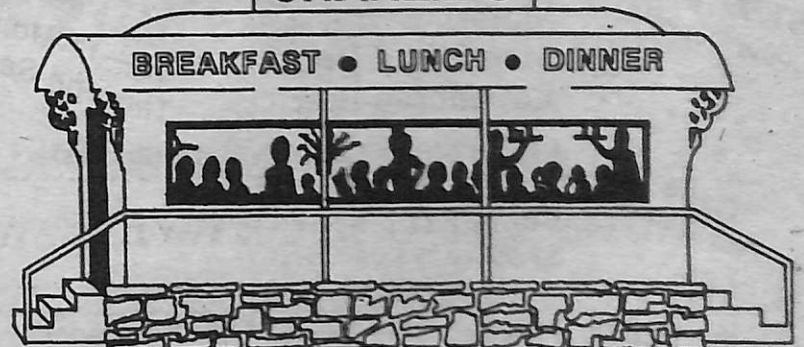
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Race Car At Lions Club Car Show



LOOKING OVER THEIR RACE CAR at the Annual Agawam Lions Club's Car Show on May 2nd are P.J. Mason and Dick Chapman. RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Marilyn Curry Wins Grange Citizen Award



COMMUNITY GRANGE of Feeding Hills presented its Community Citizen Award to Marilyn Curry (center) of Feeding Hills for her outstanding work in historical preservation. Presenting Mrs. Curry with the award are Ellen Kloster (left) and Pauline Provost. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

More Bereaved Support By Forastiere Family

"Things Your Mother Never Told You ... about financial planning" is the topic of this month's Guest Speaker Program provided by the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes.

Betty Rae Poppo, CLU, ChFC, will present the topic on Tuesday, May 25th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 181 Elm Street, East Longmeadow.

As part of "Forastiere's OPTIONS ... for a brighter tomorrow," emotional support programs for those who are grieving a death, this monthly series provides participants with a variety of ways to understand their experience and with ideas to better manage their lives during the process of grief.

With the death of a loved one comes many decisions and changes to our lives. Oftentimes, these are in regard to financial matters. With confusion, lack of concentration, ambivalence in decision making, lack of energy and initiative (all inherent in the grief process), many bereaved people postpone important considerations and many do not know where to begin to collect needed information.

Betty Rae Poppo will present ideas of how to proceed cautiously and wisely during this difficult time. She will discuss topics such as: budgeting when alone; alternative investments; the risk and reward of different investments; health insurance concerns; and social security and pension concerns. In addition, she will address any issues or questions individual participants might raise.

Mrs. Poppo is a registered Investment Advisor and Chartered Financial Consultant. She has helped clients in all career stages, and life situations, find financial freedom. Well known for her articles in various publications, she has gained acclaim as a guest lecturer across the country (recently, the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital).

This program is provided free of charge, to anyone in the community, by the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes. No pre-registration is needed; those wishing to participate need merely attend. However, for further information, call 733-5311.

St. Marie Family Proud Of New Baby

Michael and Cheryl (St. Germain) St. Marie would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Nicole Lynn.

Nicole was born April 7th, weighing five pounds, 14 ounces and was 19½ inches long. Nicole was welcomed home by a sister, seven year-old Adrienne.

Grandparents are James and Barbara St. Germain of Wilbraham and Robert and Violet St. Marie of Springfield.

Maternal great-grandmother is Florence St. Germain of Turners Falls and paternal great-grandmother is Mafalda O'Connor of Springfield.

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For people 60 and older who have a Feeding Hills Zip Code, as well as all other residents, the commodity pick-up is at the Sacred Heart Parish Center.

Please bring your old card to the site where you usually pick up your commodities and a new one will be issued. Anyone who does not have a card and is not registered must come to the Senior Center for the first time with positive proof of income and residency.

Food allocations are based on the number of households served each quarter, available inventory, and expected shipments. Some items are available in small amounts and may not be enough for an entire distribution.

For additional information, call Pauline Mercadante at the Agawam Senior Center (786-0400, ext. 242).

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The cruise is open to the public.

Ag. Citizens For Life To Meet May 25th

The Agawam Chapter of Mass. Citizens for Life will meet on Tuesday, May 25th at Agawam Police Station Community Room, starting at 7:30 p.m.

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Benefit "All-You-Can-Eat" Supper Slated At Agawam American Legion On May 23rd

On Sunday, May 23rd, a benefit spaghetti dinner will be held at the American Legion Hall from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., an all-you-can-eat feature for \$5 a plate (children, 1/2 price).

The total proceeds are going to support the

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Church News

Rosary Altar Society Holds Installation Of Officers for 1993-94

Members of the Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church and their guests gathered on Tuesday, May 11th, to celebrate the completion of another successful year and to install new officers for the upcoming year. Mass was celebrated in the church by the society Spiritual Director, the Rev. Kenneth Tatro.

During the Mass, new officers were installed. Patricia Melloni will be serving as President of the society; Lee Dion, 1st Vice-President; Gisele Lamoureux, 2nd Vice-President; Lynn Wiater, Secretary; and Mary Spinelli, Treasurer.

A banquet was enjoyed at the Monte Carlo in West Springfield. Honored guests were Father Tatro, the Rev. and Mrs. James Martone, and Sr. Eileen Sullivan.

After dinner, outgoing President Carol Lehberger gave a brief account of the activities of the past year and thank those who had assisted her. Mrs. Lehberger then turned the meeting over to the new President, who spoke briefly.

Chairperson of the evening was Carol Pignatare, assisted by Linda Parrotta, Mary Ann Govoni, Gail Brunelle, and Katie Heald.



NEW OFFICERS of the Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society include, from left - Gisele Lamoureux, Pat Melloni, Lee Dion, Lynn Wiater, and Mary Spinelli. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Weekly Events At Agawam Congregational Church

The Wednesday night Mid Week Service at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, begins at 7:30 p.m., with the R.E.L.A.T.E. series following at 8:00 p.m. These times will remain throughout the summer months.

The "Faith In Action" series' final Sunday is May 23rd. All senior high students are encouraged to attend this series at the church.

The last topic will be "The Beauty and Reality of Parenting."

The Agawam Congregational Church's third annual 18-hole golf tournament is scheduled for Saturday, June 12th, at St. Anne's Golf Course, Agawam. Tee times will be 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

There will be prizes, prizes, prizes, and all golfers are welcome—men, women, seniors, and juniors. The entry fee is \$25 which includes green fees, snack, and beverage.

Contact person is Charlie McCobb, 786-8195, or

call the church office, 786-7111. Hurry ... the reservation deadline is June 5th.

This Sunday, May 23rd, is the Children's Church School Day at the 10:30 Worship Service. Each Church School class will present their program to the congregation.

Come and enjoy a morning of special words, music, Bible stories, and presentations put on by our children.

Get a jump start on summer! The church's 1993 Vacation Bible Camp will be held June 28th through July 1st. This four-day camp will run each day from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

All two year-olds through sixth grade students are welcome. There will be a planning meeting on Thursday, May 27th, at 10:00 a.m. at the church; anyone wishing to volunteer for VBC, please attend.

For more information, call the church office at

786-7111.

The Agawam Congregational Church's Called To Care Program will have an informational program, "Family Issues For the 90's," beginning Sunday, June 13th, at 9:15 p.m. and continuing for the next two Sundays.

On June 13th at 9:15 p.m., Atty. Donald Conway will speak on "Wills & Trusts," and Ann Marie Feraro, V.N.A., will speak on Hospice. On June 20th at 8:15 p.m., social worker Barbara Yeager will speak on health care programs' "Risks & Responsibilities," and Robert Watson will speak about "Housing."

On June 27th at 8:15 p.m., Raymond Orr will speak on "Memorial Gifting," and Rufus Cushman, Planned Giving, Massachusetts Conference, will speak on "Planned Giving."

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REVEREND DONALD B. MORRIS of the Agawam First Baptist Church in Agawam Center.

Pastor Morris Elected President of Mass. American Baptists

Reverend Dr. Donald B. Morris of the First Baptist Church of Agawam has been elected President of the American Baptists of Massachusetts.

At its annual conference in Pittsfield on May 7 & 8, the organization elected Rev. Morris for a one-year term. He will preside over the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, and he will also be a member of a 15-person task force on priorities and staffing.

With 262 American Baptist Churches in Massachusetts, Dr. Morris will be taking on many challenges this coming year. For over 44 years, he has served in various positions within the state organization before being elevated to President.

"This is the culmination of almost half a century of work within the American Baptists of Massachusetts, and I am looking forward to my new responsibilities," said Dr. Morris.

Reverend Dr. Morris served as Pastor in Weston, MA, before coming to the First Baptist Church of Agawam 19 years ago. On hand for the election were his wife, Chris, and Church Moderator Everett Hodge and his wife, Aletha.

The First Baptist Church is located at 760 Main Street, Agawam Center.

Friendship Sunday To Be Held May 23rd AT F.H. Congo

"Friendship Sunday" will be observed this Sunday, May 23rd, at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

Church members will be inviting friends and neighbors to worship with them for this special church service. Following the church service, there will be a continental breakfast.

The Reverend Edward Cornell III's sermon is entitled "Hot Air Balloons."

Sunday School classes and morning worship are held each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church. Nursery service is also available, and visitors and friends are cordially invited to join the church members in worship.

For further information, please call the church office at 786-5061.

Birthday card ads are \$25 with picture; \$15 for smaller ad without picture. The deadline is noon on Tuesday. Thanks.

Agawam Churches Holding Drive To Assist Open Pantry

The Churches of Agawam will sponsor a can and bottle drive for the benefit of Open Pantry.

Empty soda and other redeemable bottles/cans may be brought to One Stop Redemption Center, 1226A Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. One Stop Redemption Center is open Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This can drive, which began on Saturday, May 1st, will run until Saturday, June 5th. One Stop Redemption Center will be donating a portion of their profits from this drive to Open Pantry.

Volunteers are needed on the Saturdays during this drive. For further information or if you need someone to pick up your bottles or cans, please contact Marty Moran at 786-1965 after 6:00 p.m.

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WESTBANK PARK WEST BANK AND TRUST COMPANY



EMPLOYEES OF PARK WEST BANK cut the ribbon on May 7th at the new Riverdale Office located at 1063 Riverdale Street, West Springfield. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Westbank Opens New Office On Riverdale Street

Park West Bank and Trust Company, commonly referred to as Westbank, relocated its Riverdale Office from 1000 Riverdale Street to the Riverdale Center at 1063 Riverdale Street.

The new Riverdale "Community Office" is a full service bank that offers over 60 different types of services including Trust Services. There are six teller stations, one of which is a sit down facility for their physically challenged customers, two drive-up windows and one ATM drive-up that will guarantee quick service to their customers.

The staff at the Riverdale Office are banking professionals dedicated to serve every financial need as efficiently and courteously as possible. The Branch Manager is Victoria Graffam and her staff is Amy Bilodeau (Assistant Manager), Elaine Archambault, Penelope George, and Laura Parent.

The office hours are: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Friday; and extended hours on Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Westbank is a locally owned, independent commercial bank that has served the town of West Springfield and Western Mass. for over 30 years.

Area Professionals Honored By IMA

Among the 60 members present at a recent meeting of the Springfield Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants were four area accounting professionals who were honored for 25 years of service with the organization.

Westfield businessman William Harmon, Chicopee residents Thadeus Wegrzyn and Joseph Kazalski, and Westfield Stanhome employee Albert Day were presented a special commemorative pin in recognition of the achievement.

If you have questions about the evening or the organization, call Peter Hanson at (413) 786-2355.



25-YEAR MEMBERS of the Institute of Management Accountants (Springfield Chapter) who were recently honored included, from left - Bill Harmon, Ted Wegrzyn, Joe Kazalski, and Al Day. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Farm Credit Banks Accept Challenge Of "Lucky Duck Race"

The Farm Credit Banks of Springfield, located in Agawam, had accepted the "challenge."

James A. Pierson, president of CEO of Farm Credit Banks and also a member of the board of directors for Baystate Medical Center, threw down a challenge to his fellow members of the board for their companies to compete in a lucky duck race of their own. Farm Credit employees accepted Pierson's challenge with enthusiasm and raised over \$5,000 for Baystate Health Systems' fourth annual Lucky Duck Race by selling 1,150 rubber ducks and t-shirts.

Barbara Opoka, co-captain of the Farm Credit race and the conference coordinator, said, "Farm Credit's involvement in the Baystate Health System's Lucky Duck Race has been very rewarding. We are fortunate to work with a great group of people who truly believe in the spirit of giving."

On Saturday afternoon, May 15th, over 20,000 rubber ducks were set loose into the Connecticut River from the Memorial Bridge in Springfield. The finish line was at Springfield's Riverfront Park.

Proceeds from the race will benefit children's health care in Western Massachusetts. The race was a culmination of sales and promotions by local companies and private citizens to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network.

Of Farm Credit's involvement, Pierson said, "Farm Credit's employees are caring members of the Springfield community. They did a super job helping raise money for children treated at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital in Springfield, Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield, and Mary Lane Hospital in Ware."

"When you see the work done for children at these facilities," he added, "you also see that our money is very well spent."

Debbie Collins, co-captain of the Farm Credit race and first-place winner of the Farm Credit challenge (selling 160 ducks herself), said, "I had a great feeling of satisfaction knowing I was helping a very special cause."

Collins and her team, who came in first in the Farm Credit race by selling 300 ducks, were treated to a lunch at the Farm Credit Banks donated by Edward Borgatti of EB's restaurant in Agawam. Members of the losing Farm Credit teams served the winners.

T.C. Freeman of Riverside Park also donated four free passes to Riverside as prizes in the Farm Credit contest. The third co-captain in the race was Alice Serre, a bank accounting assistant.

The Farm Credit Banks of Springfield and related associations offer a variety of agricultural lending and financial services to farmers, cooperatives, and rural home owners in New England, New York, and New Jersey.



CAPTAINS OF THE FARM CREDIT BANK Lucky Duck Race, from left - Barbara Opoka, the Lucky Duck (Lisa Thackeray), Debbie Collins, and Alice Serre.

Stop & Shop Supermarket Company Kicking Off Annual Food Drive

The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company is kicking off its annual Food For Friends activities with a chainwide Food Drive on Friday, May 21st and Saturday, May 22nd.

The Food For Friends program was developed to help feed the hungry in Southern New England. One of the largest corporately sponsored food drives in New England, this will be Stop & Shop's fourth year coordinating the event.

"Stop & Shop is dedicated to combating hunger. We have been in the business of feeding people for over 75 years now, so it is only natural that we work to help those who are less fortunate," said Robert G. Tobin, president and chief operating officer, The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company.

"With the support of shoppers and local officials, we have been able to make substantial contributions to the local soup kitchens, shelters and food pantries which are served by the Food Banks in the states where we operate. We look forward to doing so again this year."

The food banks are in need of any non-perishable foods. Good choices include tuna, pasta, soup, cereal, and canned fruits and vegetables, many of which were featured in Stop

& Shop's May 16th circular to encourage shoppers to participate in the food drive. Shelf signs will help customers identify products that are most desirable as food donations.

Stop & Shop's Food For Friends Food Drive kicks off in the spring when food donations are historically low, to remind customers that the plight of the hungry is a year-round problem that requires year-round attention.

Stop & Shop's Food For Friends activities also include employee-sponsored fundraisers, at each store, that raise money for local agencies. Last year, the fundraisers, which are held in the fall, raised over \$250,000. In addition, proceeds from the Food For Friends Coupon Book amounted to \$150,000 for the Food Banks while educating customers on the changing face of hunger and the work of the Food Banks.

Finally, their Reclamation Center re-routed eight million pounds of salvageable food and health care products, with a retail value of \$12 million, to local Food Banks in 1992.

The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company is the largest supermarket chain in New England and operates 119 stores in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Poughkeepsie, New York.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Finding A Capable Agent Is Vital To Meeting Your Real Estate Needs**

by John Schuler
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Whether you're a first-time buyer, selling your current home, or relocating to a different part of the country, the support of a qualified, knowledgeable real estate agent can alleviate many of your concerns and ensure a smooth transition. A professional agent can market your present residence, help you locate the home of your dreams, and assist in making your transfer to an unfamiliar area easier.

To find a trained sales associate or broker, you may need to look no further than your own neighborhood or home town. Speak with some of the agent's past customers about the quality and integrity of service and performance. Successful real estate agents rely heavily on customer referrals and will therefore strive to provide the very best in customer service and satisfaction.

Set up appointments to "interview" agents and brokers much like an employer would interview a prospective employee. Inquire about their training, marketing programs, and specific service policies. Also determine how many years of experience they have. More importantly, find out how well they know the area. Ask for references and check them out.

Your goal is to determine just how knowledgeable the agents are. Question them on financing, closing costs, and marketing conditions (depending on whether you're a prospective home buyer or seller) to determine their expertise. If they know their stuff, they should be able to answer your questions effortlessly.

If you're selling your home, learn what they will do if you decide to list with them. How do they plan to market your home? Will they provide you with a market analysis to help you determine the most effective listing price for your property? Will they supply regular progress reports and assist with negotiations once you've received offers?

If you are relocating to a different part of the country, is your agent connected with a national relocation service that will not only expose your present property to incoming transferees, but assist with your search for a new house?

Ask for a written guarantee that everything promised will be delivered. The CENTURY 21 organization, for example, backs its listings with the CENTURY 21 "Seller Service Pledge." This 11-point written commitment covers everything from furnishing the seller with a marketing plan to monitoring pre-settlement activities throughout the closing process. It also gives the seller the right to terminate the listing if the pledge is not fulfilled.

A qualified real estate agent should be able to answer all your questions and provide you with quality service that is courteous and responsive. Finding the right person may take time and patience, but when purchasing or selling a home, the selection of a dependable agent should be tops on your list.

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Being A Single Parent

As most of you are aware, my wife, Christine, passed away last year from breast cancer. As you can imagine, this incident had a dramatic effect on my life ... and becoming a single parent was the most dramatic change.

Thus, I thought that this week I would touch base on the things that I have learned and experienced over the past months. If, after reading this column, you find it to contain some good info, please be sure to pass it on to those friends that may be in a similar situation.

IT'S A LOT OF WORK

Becoming a single parent means accepting (without a choice) a tremendous amount of additional responsibility, and demands on your time and energy.

It typically will place tremendous strains on your economic life (your income and quality of life) ... your emotions (suddenly finding out you're by yourself and experiencing a feeling of loneliness) ... your social life (not going out with a mate and possibly finding new friends) ... and your home life (cooking, cleaning, maintenance, money management skills, and more).

You are faced with a wide variety of problems that must be solved, and let me tell you that it's not always easy ... but please understand that all problems have solutions.

SETTING UP A PLAN

There are a wide variety of areas that will need your attention at home. Starting off with housework, my sons and I have found that sharing the responsibilities of keeping up the home is vital. We have a chore list which shows what jobs must be completed on a daily basis, and who is responsible for completing those jobs.

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With the proper training, we have done our best to make each person as responsible for themselves as possible. Is it easy? No, but it helps.

Regarding setting up a budget, nothing that I write here should be new to you. Figure out what it costs you to live on a weekly/monthly/annual basis ... and then analyze how much income must be brought in to pay for all of the expenses.

If your income is less than your expenses, either cut your expenses or find an alternate means of producing income. Make a game out of finding shortcuts on how to save money ... plan your shopping very carefully, use energy wisely, and use inexpensive leisure activities to relax.

Your relationship with your children is vital ... try to keep the kids involved with decisions (based on their age) and keep the lines of communication open. Also, plan family activities and share your day with each other.

This is probably going to be the toughest part of adapting to your new life ... and thus should probably be the area that you devote most of your time to.

Lastly is taking care of yourself. Becoming single, either through death or divorce, is extremely difficult. Learning how to handle stress, working through your personal emotions, maintaining your health, staying in touch with and finding new friends, are all critical to your personal well-being.

Believe me, you will probably find this area to also be tough ... you'll find yourself taking care of everyone except yourself.

FINDING ASSISTANCE

Help can be found in so many areas ... family and friends, religious groups, local organizations, support groups, and more. As with anything, you get out of it what you put into it.

Be sure to have a thorough understanding of what your new responsibilities are, to yourself and your family, and a written plan that will assist you in accomplishing your goals.

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Ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held at the grand opening open house held on Sunday, May 16th, to celebrate Newschu Real Estate, Inc.'s newly-formed association with Century 21®, as well as its relocation to new offices at 20 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills.

Owners John and Helen Schuler hosted the event, and the ribbon-cutting was presided over by Mayor Christopher Johnson.

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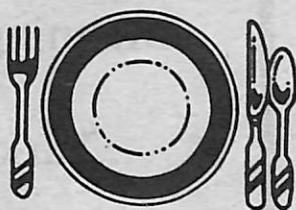
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New Businesses Open At Twin Silos

THE TWIN SILOS COMPLEX on Suffield Street has seen two more businesses open recently. Here, Agawam resident Barbara Fraser cuts her ribbon for the new location of "Barbara's Cut Above." Pictured with Barbara are Town Council Vice-President George Bitzas (left), Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, and Town Council President James Taylor. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CUTTING THE RIBBON AT STATE LINE PIZZA, located at the far end of the Twin Silos Complex on Suffield Street are, from left - Town Council Vice-President George Bitzas, Charles Antonelos (owner), Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Joanna Antonelos (owner), and Town Council President James Taylor. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Dr. Tami Nelson New Chiropractor At Feeding Hills Office

Hampden County Chiropractic, located at 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, is pleased to announce Dr. Tami Nelson as its new chiropractic physician.

Having spent her childhood years in Westfield, Dr. Nelson finds that coming to Agawam is like home to her. A graduate of Western States Chiropractic College in Portland, Oregon, she has pursued continuing education courses in pediatrics, TMJ and headache disorders, work-and auto-related injuries, and women's health issues.

If you are in pain or if you are considering chiropractic as a health care alternative, please call Dr. Nelson at 786-4820.

Hearing Screenings Offered At Pheasant Hill Village Apts.

On Thursday, May 27th, free hearing screenings and a free hearing aid service will be offered between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon in the Skylark Room/Community Center of the Pheasant Hill Village Apartments, 25 Pheasant Hill Drive, Feeding Hills.

Physicians recommend that everyone have a hearing test annually and warn that no hearing problems should ever be ignored. Most hearing problems gradually become worse over time, and annual testing will keep track of a progressive loss.

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ADVERTISER NEWS

Walkathon Raises \$11,000 For Cystic Fibrosis

On Sunday, May 16th, a 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) walk was held in West Springfield for the benefit of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Greater Springfield. Don Blair, a co-chairman of the walk, headed the event at the West Springfield Town Common.

About 125 people participated in the walk. Businesses and community service groups also assisted by donating money or time to the walk.

Ag. Residents Named Ostomy Asso. Officers

The Ostomy Association of Greater Springfield recently awarded scholarships to Colleen Hirschhorn, R.N., B.S.N. and Patricia Burns, R.N., B.S.N. of Springfield. The money will enable them to continue their training as enterostomal therapists to provide care for those people who have intestinal or urinary tract diversions.

The Ostomy Association of Greater Springfield will be led by three Agawam residents. Ann Favreau will serve her third term as president; Helen Geoffrion, a Charter member, will continue as secretary; and Edmund Coffey will assume the post of corresponding secretary.

OAGS is a voluntary health organization dedicated to assisting people who have had or will have intestinal or urinary tract diversions. This group provides psychological support to members and their families, educational services, and promotes public and professional awareness. For further information, call 783-8333 or 1-800-826-0826.

and the West Springfield UNICO Club was among the many participating organizations.

The walk in West Springfield, which was one of 14 held in Massachusetts, raised more than \$11,000. Throughout the state, the walks managed to raise a combined total of \$350,000, which will be used for research into finding ways to cure and control cystic fibrosis. Cystic fibrosis is a genetic disease which kills children and young adults.

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Award-Winning One Act Plays At F.H. Theatre

A pair of one-act plays which recently won awards at 1993's Community Theatre Drama Festival will be presented at the Red Door Theatre at Valley Community Church, Feeding Hills, on Friday and Saturday, May 21st and 22nd. Curtain is 8:00 p.m. on both evenings.

The first play, "Graceland," is being staged by the Arena Civic Theatre and features actresses Peggy Kennedy and Kristen Ferraro, both of whom have appeared with ART (Agawam Repertory Theater).

A funny and touching story that takes place at the gates of the late Elvis Presley's mansion, "Graceland" deals with two women who arrive at the mansion three days before it is to be opened to the public for the first time, and the rivalry that ensues as the two of them seek to be the first inside.

Featuring the music of Elvis, the play becomes more than an homage to the late "King"; while it is a comedy, "Graceland" is also a story of two women who progress from disputes to shared confidences.

Directed by Robert Freedman (another veteran of ART), "Graceland" has music and dance, as well as surprises and unexpected passion.

The second one-act play to be presented will be The Theater Project's rendition of "Home Free." Written by noted playwright Lanford Wilson, this drama tells the disturbing and haunting tale of a brother and sister who escape to the safety of their imaginary world.

"Home Free" is being directed by Danny Eaton and stars Jamie Cass and Halina Radosz, who appeared as Eunice Kennedy in the ABC-TV mini-series "The Kennedys of Massachusetts."

Tickets for this "double feature" of live theatre are \$7 (general admission) and \$6 (seniors and students), and they may be purchased at the door prior to each performance.

For additional information, call 567-3291.



PEGGY KENNEDY and KRISTEN FERRARO in "Graceland," to be presented May 21st and 22nd at the Red Door Theatre on the grounds of Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills.

Long Meddowe Days May 22nd & May 23rd

The 14th annual Long Meddowe Days festival is scheduled for the weekend of May 22nd and 23rd on the Green in Longmeadow.

The festivities for Saturday, May 22nd, will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a parade up Longmeadow Street. The parade will include bands, antique bicycles, historical groups, and local organizations.

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Volunteer Militia will march in the parade and drill on the Green in the morning on Saturday. Hay rides, gymnastic displays, historical tours, and a juried crafts and artists show will continue until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and these activities will begin again at 12:00 noon on Sunday, May 23rd.

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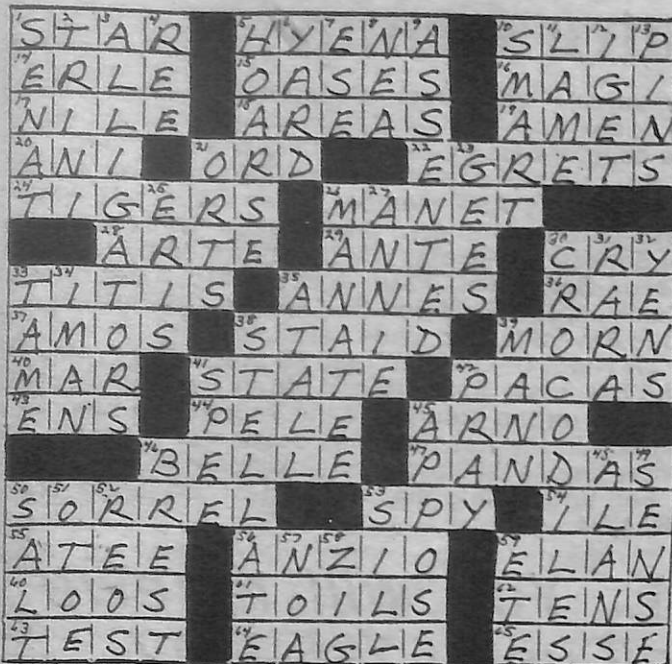
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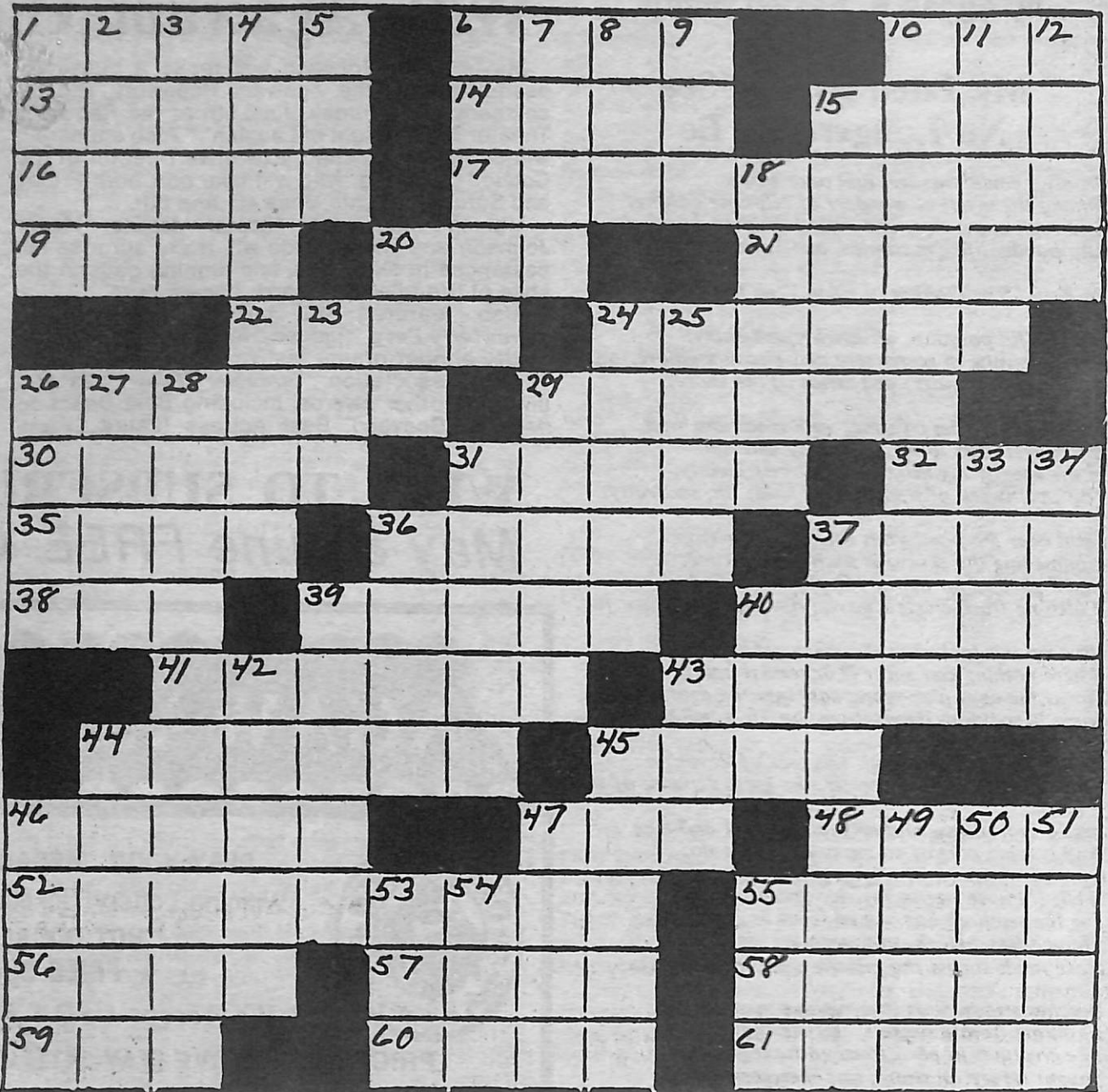
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Swk. Congo Church Plans Music Festival

Southwick: Southwick Congregational Church presents a Music Festival on Sunday, May 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at the church. This is a fundraiser for the church's music programs. Performances by Joyful Noise, Religious Rhythms, and the Adult Choir will be presented. Tickets are \$3 and may be obtained at the door.

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Poetry

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My Eden By The Sea No Longer Can Be

*If only I could wander, just once more,
Among the mystical wonders of Neptune's shore;
And bask in the sun, and reflect on past days,
And ponder life's mysteries, and figure the ways;*

*To keep "The Garden of Eden," on the shore of the
briny,
A beautiful paradise, all sparkly and shiny;
With everyone in merriment and pleasure galore,
In the pristine water, and sands of the shore;*

*We'd build castles of sand, with moat and wall,
And turrets and tower, so stately and tall;
In the eyes of my mind, I recall very clearly,
This patchwork of happiness, I hold, oh, so dearly;*

*I still hear the ponderous breakers, in rhyme,
Pummelling the shore, in such perfect time;
And I gaze as far as the eye can recall,
Watching froth-crested waves, rise high, and then fall;*

*I'll keep this locked in the depths of my heart,
Where nothing can smite it or rend it apart;
For as the days and years, pass into the ages,
Some horrendous deeds loom, on life's pallid pages;*

*It saddens my heart, with this lack of devotion,
To Earth's treasured-wonder, the great expanse of the
ocean;
It's been fruitless, and helpful, faithful and true,
And is a big part of so many things we do;*

*Well, I'll have to put my day-dreams away,
For the seashore has waned from its jovial day;
Thoughtless, selfish, and uncaring ways,
Have made turbid the pristine sea and its bays;*

*Beaches strewn with ignominious waste,
Resulting from insensate, self-serving haste;
The creatures in peril from unchastely tide,
Sought refuge on shore, and mercilessly died;*

*We must awaken to the value on this Earth,
For man and God's creatures are of ultimate worth;
In His image, He created all mankind,
And His love for man, and His creatures combined;*

*So, open your heart with unselfish sharing,
And to all humanity and creatures, be caring;
Take care of His Earth, and make pure His sea,
And restore all its beauty, like it once used to be;*

*Then maybe we all can play on Neptune's shore,
And like in days gone by, be ecstatic, once more;
All the monies spent on monetary pleasures,
Can never compare with the Earth's natural treasures.*

New Valley Singers To Perform At Senior Ctr.

The Agawam Public Library and Agawam Senior Center will co-host a musical program by the New Valley Singers on Monday, May 24th, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, located at Meadowbrook Manor (off Wright Street).

The 40-member group will offer "A Broadway Cabaret," featuring songs from a variety of popular musicals including *West Side Story*, *Sound of Music*, *The Music Man*, and *Easter Parade Review*.

The Holyoke-based New Valley Singers were originally founded by Russ Falvey; this year, under director Paul Putnam, the group celebrates its 30th anniversary, and has recently performed at Wisteriahurst Museum in Holyoke and First Church in Longmeadow.

With "A Broadway Cabaret," the New Valley Singers promise a lively evening of musical fun, and senior citizens and their families are invited to call the Agawam Public Library at 789-1550 to register for the program (first preference will be given to Agawam and Feeding Hills families).

This program is part of a federal grant entitled "Expanded Library Services For The Aging," and is being funded through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners with Title 1 funds of L.S.C.A. (Library Services and Construction Act), a federal source of library funding.

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Mayor Johnson To Make Cameo With Agawam Theatre Group

Mayor Chris Johnson will make a guest appearance with the Agawam Repertory Theater company on Saturday, June 5th at the Red Door Theater for "A Night of Laughin'." Also appearing will be Richard Mundo, Executive Director of the Council on Aging, who will take part both Friday and Saturday nights, June 4th and 5th.

Making their local theater debuts, Mayor Johnson and Rich Mundo will make surprise appearances in skits, bits, and running gags in the style of the television show "Laugh In."

Also featured will be the one-act play "Strawberry Envy," judged overall Best Production at the annual drama festival of the Community Theater Association. "Strawberry Envy" was also given six other awards, including Best Direction (Melissa Snavelly), Best Actress (Laura Lezon-

Scantlen), and Best Supporting Actor (Tim O'Brien). The *Springfield Advocate* called the play "a delightful confection ... funny and charming."

An original one-act comedy, "New Year's at Brandy's" by ART member Lillian Bousquet will also have its premiere presentation. Directed by Al Bousquet, this play will be performed by Laura Lezon-Scantlen, Paul MacDonald, Daphne Caulkins, the Reverend Bob Murray, John Stacy, Ellie Reynolds, and Chris LaRoche.

"A Night of Laughin'" will be presented Friday and Saturday, June 4th and 5th at the Red Door Theater on the grounds of the Valley Community Church in the Feeding Hills section of Agawam. Show time is 8:00 p.m. and tickets are \$5.

For further information, contact Cil Long at 789-4204.

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Bon Appetit

by
Susan Anderson

Little Breads: Biscuits And Scones

Scones, a quick bread of Scottish origin, are said to have gotten their name from the Stone of Destiny (or Scone), a place where Scottish kings were once crowned. Related to oatcakes and farls, these triangle shaped breads were originally made from oats and were baked, as some of them are today, on a griddle. Long ago, these large, simple, triangle-shaped scones were brought to nourish harvesters in the fields.

As a rule, scones are sweeter than biscuits and sometimes contain eggs. The simplest scones are made with white or whole wheat flour, baking soda, and milk or buttermilk.

Biscuits and scones require few ingredients, a minimum of tools, and no special baking pans. Although they are extremely easy to make, care should be taken to avoid overhandling, which produces a tough end-product, but aside from this, preparation is quick and the breads can be as plain or as elaborate as you like.

The following recipe and variations come from *Celtic Hearths: Baked Goods from Scotland, Ireland, and Wales* by Deborah Krasner.

SWEET MILK SCONES Makes 8 Scones

2-3 cups unbleached flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 teaspoons cream of tartar
Salt to taste
4 tablespoons (½ stick) butter
¾ cup milk

Preheat oven to 450F. Lightly grease a baking sheet and set aside.

Sift together the flour, soda, cream of tartar, and salt. Using a pastry blender or your hands, cut in the butter (or pulse with a food processor) until the mixture looks grainy, like coarse crumbs.

Pour the milk in a well in the center, and mix until a soft elastic dough is formed. If using a food processor, be very careful not to overmix.

Knead the dough on a floured surface until smooth, and press with the hands or roll the dough into a pad about ¾-inch thick. If the dough is rolled too thin, the scones won't rise properly.

Cut into 2½- or 3-inch rounds with a glass or a cookie cutter, and bake on prepared sheet for about 10 minutes or until they rise and are golden.

Variations:

Honey Scones: Using the basic recipe for Sweet Milk Scones, substitute ¼ cup orange juice and ½ cup milk for ¾ cup milk, and add 2 tablespoons honey, the grated zest of 1 lemon, and 1 tablespoon chopped walnuts to the dough before rolling it out.

Fruit Scones: Using the basic Sweet Milk Scones recipe, add up to ½ cup of soft fruit such as blueberries, raspberries, sliced strawberries, or chopped mango along with a few spoonfuls of sugar (if needed) to the dough before it is rolled out.

Onion Scones: Wilt 1 chopped smallish onion (Vidalia suggested) in a pan with a little olive oil, canola oil, or, traditionally, bacon fat. Cook until transparent, but not brown. Cool. Add most of it to the dough before rolling it out, but for extra flavor, reserve a bit of cooked onion to put on top of each scone (after brushing scone with beaten egg) before baking.

For light and flaky scones and biscuits, it is best to use white flour, bleached or unbleached. Other flours may be used with good results, but the texture of the bread will be changed. Whole wheat flour will tend to produce a drier bread which may be offset by mixing with white flour. Take care not to overbake wholegrain scones and biscuits, or you will end up with biscotti instead of biscuits!

The fat content is what makes these breads tender. It is best to use unsalted butter, or margarine, olive oil, or, if cholesterol is no object, lard.

The key to success with these little breads is to handle them as little as possible. When directions specify to mix only until just becoming dough-like, do not process further. Once liquid is added to the flour, gluten formation begins, and excess handling intensifies this process, producing tough scones and biscuits.

HOT CROSS SCONES Makes 12 Scones

2½ cups all-purpose flour

1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon (see note)
¼ teaspoon ground allspice
¼ teaspoon ground cloves
½ teaspoon salt
8 tablespoons (1 stick) cold unsalted butter, cut up
½ cup currants or dark raisins
¼ cup granulated sugar
2 tablespoons finely chopped candied orange, lemon, or grapefruit peel (optional)
⅔ cup milk

Heat oven to 375F. Put flour, baking powder, spices, and salt into a large bowl; stir to mix well. Add butter and cut in with a pastry blender or rub in with your fingers, until the mixture looks like fine granules.

Add currants, sugar and peel; toss to distribute evenly. Add milk and stir with a fork until a soft dough forms.

Turn dough onto a lightly floured board and give 10 to 12 kneads. Form into a ball; cut into 8 wedges. Form each wedge into a ball and put apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 10 to 15 minutes, or until medium brown. Cool 5 minutes, loosely covered with a cloth, on a wire rack.

Mix confectioner's sugar and milk in a cup or small bowl to make a smooth, thick icing. Using the tip of a teaspoon, make a cross of icing on top of each scone. Let cook, uncovered, 5 minutes more, then cover again with the cloth. May be served right away.

Note: You may use 1½ teaspoons pumpkin pie spice instead of the spices listed.

Source: *Biscuits and Scones: 62 Recipes from Breakfast Biscuits to Homey Desserts* by Elizabeth Alston

The word biscuit is French in origin, known as *pain bis-cuit*, or twice cooked bread, which was baked, sliced, and baked again to make it as dry and light and resistant to spoilage as possible. These breads were created centuries ago for armies or as a food source for individuals not close to consistent food supplies.

The following recipe for Angel Biscuits looks involved, but the combination of leaveners (including yeast) makes these special biscuits as light as a feather.

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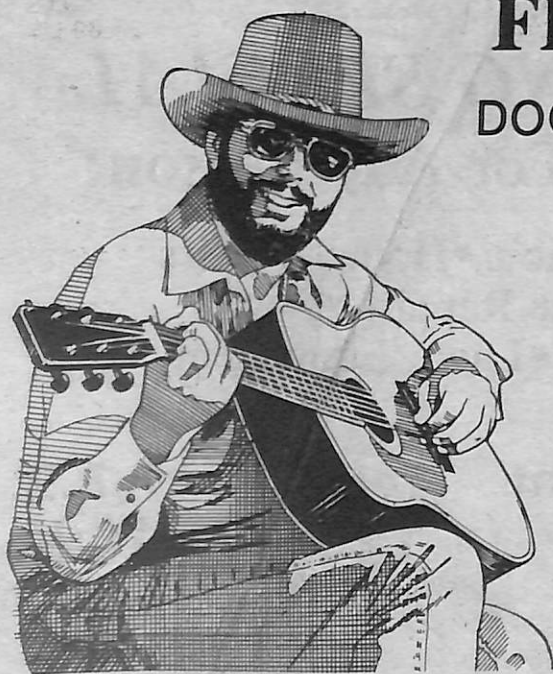
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ANGEL BISCUITS
Makes 3 Dozen Biscuits

4½ to 5 cups all-purpose flour, approximately
1 package dry yeast
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
3 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
¼ cup shortening, lard preferred
2 cups buttermilk*

In a large mixing or mixer bowl, stir together the dry ingredients. A mixer flat beater is good for this.

Drop chunks of shortening into the flour; work in the shortening either with your hands, 2 knives cutting across each other, or a pastry blender. The flour will resemble grains of rice or smaller. If using the mixer, the flat beater blade will cut the shortening into tiny pieces, almost indistinguishable.

Stir the buttermilk into the flour; mix it thoroughly, but do not knead. With the mixer on, slowly pour in the liquid to form a heavy and wet batter. It will become stiff and workable when it has been chilled in the refrigerator.

Place the dough in a greased bowl, cover with plastic wrap, and leave overnight in the refrigerator.

Preheat the oven to 400F 20 minutes before baking. Pinch off only enough dough to make the desired number of biscuits, whether a half dozen or the entire batch. Return the balance of the dough to the refrigerator or freeze.

Knead the dough under your palms for 3 or 4 minutes. Roll into a rectangle, fold into thirds, and roll again. Fold and roll one more time. The dough should be about ½-inch thick. Cut the dough with a cutter of the desired size and place biscuits on a greased or Teflon cookie sheet. Do not allow to rise.

Place the sheet of biscuits on the middle shelf of the hot oven, and bake for 15-17 minutes, until the tops are nicely browned.

* If you have no buttermilk, add 1 tablespoon lemon juice per 1 cup of regular milk as a

substitute.

Source: *Bernard Clayton's New Complete Book of Breads* (Revised) by Bernard Clayton

A completely American version of the biscuit comes in the form of Southern beaten biscuits, which are literally beaten with a rolling pin on a wooden meat block. The trick is to beat the dough until it blisters and becomes smooth and satin, then bake for 25 to 40 minutes at a lower temperature. Another specialty of the South, the chicken biscuit, is put together and cut into small squares of fancy shapes with a pastry wheel. They are then cooked in chicken fat until they become golden and browned.

The following recipe from *The Vidalia Onion Cookbook* by Folsom Farms takes advantage of the happy reappearance of Vidalia onions in grocery stores. These biscuits are tender and elegantly flavored by the sweet onions. They are an excellent accompaniment to barbecued chicken.

VIDALIA ONION BISCUITS
Makes 12 Large Biscuits

2 grated Vidalia onions
2½ cups unsifted flour
1 teaspoon salt
⅓ cup butter or margarine
¾ cup milk

Mix flour, baking powder and salt in a large bowl. Cut in the butter with a pastry blender or knife until the mixture resembles coarse meal. Add milk and mix well; stir in grated onions. Knead lightly on a floured board. Roll out 1-inch thick. Cut into 2-inch rounds. Bake on an ungreased baking sheet in a preheated 375 degree oven for 30 minutes. If desired, brush with melted butter before baking.

Until next week, I wish you the best. I encourage you to ask questions or make suggestions for any topic you would like to see discussed here.

I can be reached at 786-2017 or via mail in care of *The AAN* (P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030).

Bon appetit!

Kids' Theatre Camp Set In Feeding Hills

STAGE announces that registrations for its Young People's Summer Theatre Camp series are now being accepted.

Student Theatre Arts Group Enterprises (STAGE) is now in its fifth successful year of operation and has produced over 30 plays performed by young actors for family audiences. STAGE has serviced over 300 young thespians between five and 15 years-old, giving them an opportunity to experience first-hand the excitement of producing and performing in a full-scale theatrical production.

Directed and operated by award-winning actor/directors Lyle Pearsons and Margie Secora, these camps involve children in activities ranging from publicity to set construction, as well as basic stage craft techniques.

This exciting summer series begins with "*Pan of Neverland*" by Lyle Pearsons, an original premiere production for children five to 11 years old. This camp will take place June 28th, 29th, 30th, and July 1st, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (first week), and July 5th through 9th, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (second week). Showdates for "*Pan of Neverland*" are July 9th and 10th at 7:30 p.m., and July 10th and 11th at 2:00 p.m.

The second offering is "*The Sword and the Crystal*," a Medieval adventure by Margie Secora premiering July 23rd and 24th at 7:30 p.m., and July 24th and 25th at 2:00 p.m. The camp days for this show are July 12th through 15th, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (first week), and July 19th through 23rd, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (second week).

This original tale of knights and wizards, kings and princesses is for students nine to 15 years-old.

The final STAGE camp will be a new adaptation of "*The Wizard of Oz*" by Pearsons and Secora for young people seven to 15 years-old. Camp begins August 9th through 12th, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (first week), continues August 16th through 20th (second week), and culminates with performances August 20th and 21st at 7:30 p.m., and August 21st and 22nd at 2:00 p.m.

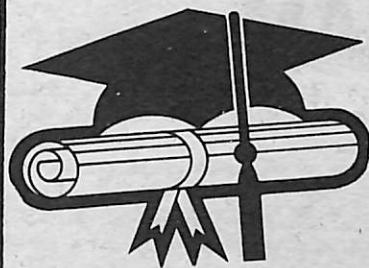
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This Week At THE MOVIES

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

—Map of the Human Heart

Once in a while a film rolls into play, touching the heart because of—and in spite of—its eccentricities, oddities, and its ambitions.

Such is *Map of the Human Heart*, a film far more suited to Northampton's silver screens, not West Springfield's.

It begins in another time and place: 1965, within the icy boundaries of the Arctic Circle, with a conversation between a young mapmaker and a drunken Eskimo with a story to tell in exchange for a drink.

The years roll back to 1931 and we enter the life of Avik, a young boy at play in the frozen world of the Northern Lights.

We meet as he is being tossed heavenward on a hand-held "trampoline," watching as a biplane sweeps out of the sky, bringing with it the dashing mapmaker and navigator Walter, who befriends the boy and wisks him away to a Montreal hospital for treatment of tuberculosis.

It is there that Avik meets his lifelong friend and lover, Albertine, a feisty girl who gives as good as she gets, and is unafraid to beat the younger, smaller Avik to a pulp to make her point. But friends they become, sharing a half-breed heritage evident in him but not in her.

When separated, they carry with them dreams and memories, and Avik returns to his wintry homeland to care for his elderly grandmother.

The fates intervene again, however, and upon her death comes new life and the return of Walter, luring Avik abroad to a new role as a navigator in the England of World War II.

Riding high over Germany in a plane dubbed "Holy Boy" after Avik's childhood expression (a hybrid of Holy Cow! and Oh Boy!), the bombs he drops on German soil are photographed and then

interpreted by none other than a grown-up Albertine, who has now taken up company with the still dashing if older Walter.

Childhood and lifetime bonds are strong, however, and the attraction between Avik and Albertine culminates in a stunning love scene atop a dirigible.

The film is majestic, pitting scenes of stark, icy tundras against glimpses of whales surfacing between flows of ice; of polar bears struggling in icy waters; of deer herding through the snow, then shifting to the austere, Depression-era hospitals run by nuns. And then it is war, and spectacular footage of the bombing runs and the firestorms as the Allies level the German city of Dresden at the height of the war.

All the fragments, the seemingly odd bits and pieces, come full circle—meeting, touching, and breaking apart, winding their way through nearly 35 years in two parallel lives, producing an unexpected, poignant, and tragic ending.

Map of the Human Heart is not your typical film, but its music, its images, and its messages about that human heart are timeless. See it before it is gone (or as soon as it surfaces in 'Hamp).

—Excessive Force

Excessive Force is a perfect example of excess, being a repetitive, redundant, "it's all been done before and better" cop show where the good guys are brutally tough in the name of the law, the bad guys are really nasty, and the D.A. and one's partner are suddenly standing on the wrong side of the law.

The troubled hero is separated from his beautiful model wife and gets a darling baby kitten for his birthday ... that's to show he's really a softie, even though he kills people very efficiently. Enough already.

N. Connecticut Ballet To Hold Spring Gala

The Northern Connecticut Ballet presents its "Spring Gala," a collection of ballets: *Les Sylphides*, music by Chopin; *Palisado Green*, music by Scott Joplin, original choreography by Helen Stevenson (artistic director of the Northern Connecticut Ballet), a ballet dedicated to the town of Windsor; *Rose Adagio* from "Sleeping Beauty," music by Tchaikovsky; and a new ballet, *Celebration*, music by George Bizet, original screenplay by Helen Stevenson (artistic director of NCB).

Performances will be held on Friday, May 21st at 8:00 p.m., Saturday, May 22nd at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, May 23rd at 2:00 p.m. at L.P. Wilson Community Center, 599 Matianuck Avenue, Windsor, Connecticut.

Ticket prices are \$12 for adults, \$8 for students, and \$6 for senior citizens and children.

On Friday, there will be an Opening Night Reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres to meet the dancers of the Northern Connecticut Ballet. There will be a \$5 donation at the door.

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KIDS' THEATRE CAMP - from Page 26...

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Pisano's Picks... ON VIDEO

by Louis Pisano
Westfield State Intern

Pisano's Pity!

Below are some films that amounted to nothing more than sheer disasters. I pity these poor films yet still suggest them so people can see what I consider a bad film. Rent one and see if you agree!

* Jaws 3-D

Jaws was a motion picture classic, and *Jaws 2* was a superb sequel to *Jaws*. So, where this waterlogged disaster came from is beyond me; I've been trying to figure it out for 10 years. The film is about a shark (surprise!) that terrorizes, of all places, Sea World!

Other than the fact that this film would have been more realistic if the shark attacked people on land, the storyline isn't the only thing that suffers from shoddy filmmaking. The acting is pitifully terrible, and the special effects could've been created by my dog and no one would have ever been able to tell the difference.

With the extremely rare exceptions of a few choice scenes in *Jaws 3-D*, the killer shark looks no more threatening than those rubber sharks you could pick up at the local drug store for use in the bathtub. You will, however, have the luxury of watching *Jaws 3-D* minus the 3-D glasses since the home-viewing version does not require it.

The absolutely corny finale to *Jaws 3-D* somehow seems fitting to this film's mentality. Under normal circumstances, I'd tell people to avoid this toothless installment like the plague, but it is so genuinely horrible that it must be seen. The shark lost its bite real quick with this one and sank just as fast! **1 STAR.** (Mature audiences.)

* Exorcist II—The Heretic

How could Linda Blair's life get any more interesting than it was in *The Exorcist* to warrant a sequel? The answer ... it doesn't!

In fact, it is so boring that I watched this film praying that she'd again be possessed by Satan! *Exorcist II—The Heretic* is virtually plotless. I cannot begin to provide you with a synopsis of the film because I still don't know what it's about (even after three viewings!!).

Apparently it has something to do with Blair's mental anguish from the horror she'd lived through in the first film. She was receiving some type of mental therapy. Periodically throughout the film (to confuse things even more), the scene suddenly switched to the Far East and revealed that the spirit that initially possessed her had a name. This demon was named Pazuzu and it seems that he possessed a lot of people in the Far East.

I know you want to see this movie now. Wait, it gets better. There's also a bunch of flying insects around and people speaking languages an average American could not understand. I won't even bother to comment on the absurd concluding segments—I'll let that be a surprise!

I think I liked it much better when I thought it was Satan that possessed the girl. I also think I liked it better when the possession seemed to happen for no apparent reason.

Exorcist II—The Heretic tried to put a name to the demon and a history to the occurrence that ultimately proved to be nothing more than an excuse to create this rubbish. **0 STARS.** (Mature audiences - if any!!)

* Grease 2

Frankie Avalon must have had a premonition when he sang that *Grease* is the word because *Grease 2* certainly isn't! This film, plainly and simply, should not have been made. John Travolta is absent from it, Olivia Newton-John is absent from it ... so what is left to make a sequel with? I'm sure you get my point.

Grease 2 attempts to capture the same magic as *Grease* by lamely retelling the same tale with different characters and making the setting a few years later. The musical numbers, though acceptable at times, also seem to be a rehash of the original.

The acting in this film is terrible. The dialogue delivery is so stale that a telephone operator's voice is more appealing. The sad fact is that *Grease 2* lacks originality.

I'm not sure exactly what Michelle Pfeiffer was doing in this film; and, judging from her performance, I don't think she knew either. Adrian Zmed

was better alongside William Shatner on TV's *T.J. Hooker*, where he should've stayed. Not to mention that we are to think it's just a coincidence that Pfeiffer resembles Newton-John almost as much as Zmed resembles Travolta.

Come on guys, we don't have grease on the brain. This film serves as nothing more than a cheap exploitation of the original, solely produced to make money off of the original's drawing power.

If you want to see a sequel to *Grease* that is good, then watch *Grease*, rewind it, and pretend you never saw it and watch it again because *Grease 2* will do nothing more than clog your arteries! **1½ STARS.** (Mature audiences.)

* Halloween III—The Season of the Witch

For any of you who read my recent write-up on the *Halloween* films, you may recall that I stressed that you avoid *Halloween III—The Season of the Witch*. There was a very good reason for that, as I will now describe.

Gone is Michael Myers and everything having to do with him. As a matter of fact, this film treats the previous two as fiction, for there is a scene in this movie where a promotion for the film *Hallo-*

ween appears on television.

The story centers around some crackpot's attempts to kill children with a series of Halloween masks. This plot is ludicrous, but that is not the worst thing about this film. Wait until you see the acting. It proves to be as convincing as Richard Nixon!

The only good thing about the film is the soundtrack. Coincidentally, the conductors are the same men who helmed the first two chillers, John Carpenter and Alan Howarth. The score could have delivered the chills in all the right spots if only the script had been scary.

Halloween III—The Season of the Witch is yet another disaster that will go down in film history as nothing more than a mistake. But, as with all mistakes, we learn from them; and, once you watch this one, you'll learn from yours because I guarantee you'll never rent it again! **½ STAR.** (Mature audiences.)

(Writer's postscript: In a future edition of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, I'll present "Pisano's Pity, Part 2," which will warn you about even more cinematic catastrophes!)

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IN LEFT PHOTO, the choreography class at Agawam High featuring senior Jennifer Santerre in “Bushel And A Peck” from “Guys & Dolls.” IN RIGHT PHOTO, senior Sandy Angotti sings “I Don’t Know How To Love Him” from the Broadway hit “Jesus Christ Superstar.” The Annual Broadway Revue was held at the school on April 29th. Adver-

tiser News photo by Jack Devine.

String Program Urged For Music Curriculum

by Iris Copson
School Department Editor

Former Agawam elementary band and string instructor Sally Lowell spoke before the School Committee last week during Citizen's Speak to encourage the board to re-establish a string program at Agawam High School.

Mrs. Lowell said she began teaching musical instruments with the Agawam Public Schools in 1967 and was proud to see how fine a job Dorothy Haggerty had done with the string program in grades four through 12 until Mrs. Haggerty's retirement in 1989.

Since Mrs. Haggerty's departure, the string program has been dropped at the fourth grade level in the elementary schools, and part-time instructor Meredith Quitno provides classes for students at the Agawam Middle and Junior High Schools. The string program is no longer offered at Agawam High School.

Mrs. Lowell recalled, “Parents had to provide in-

struments and we advocated private lessons along with the school program. That is quite a commitment from the family.

“When Mrs. Haggerty left four years ago, these students were cut off without any continuation in high school after the money and time were already invested.”

She added, “We do not have the proper feed-in for symphony and orchestra, and we have accolades from all these areas.”

Agawam student Joella Raisch also spoke to the board, saying that she has been taking lessons through the school and privately for five years. She asked that the string program “not only begin in fourth grade, but continue to 12th grade.”

Both speakers urged members to reinstate the full string program and hire the necessary part-time instructor at the high school level to see the program to fruition.

Parents Have Written To Committee Members

Parents have already written letters to the individual board members asking them to reconsider the full string program, and a resolution on this will be voted upon at the next meeting.

Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder said he was in favor of the program and wholly supported it, but could not seek a teacher for AHS to teach strings until the 64 teachers that maintain existing programs could be recalled from layoff notices this spring.

Member Teresa Kozloski asked that Ryder speak with AHS Band Director Scott Thomson to organize the situation so that a program could be put into place by next fall, and Ryder indicated that he was already prepared to do so.

Thomson said he supported the string program being reinstated at AHS if the budget would allow for a part-time instructor to be hired to teach the program.

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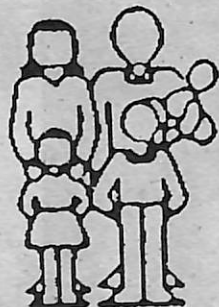
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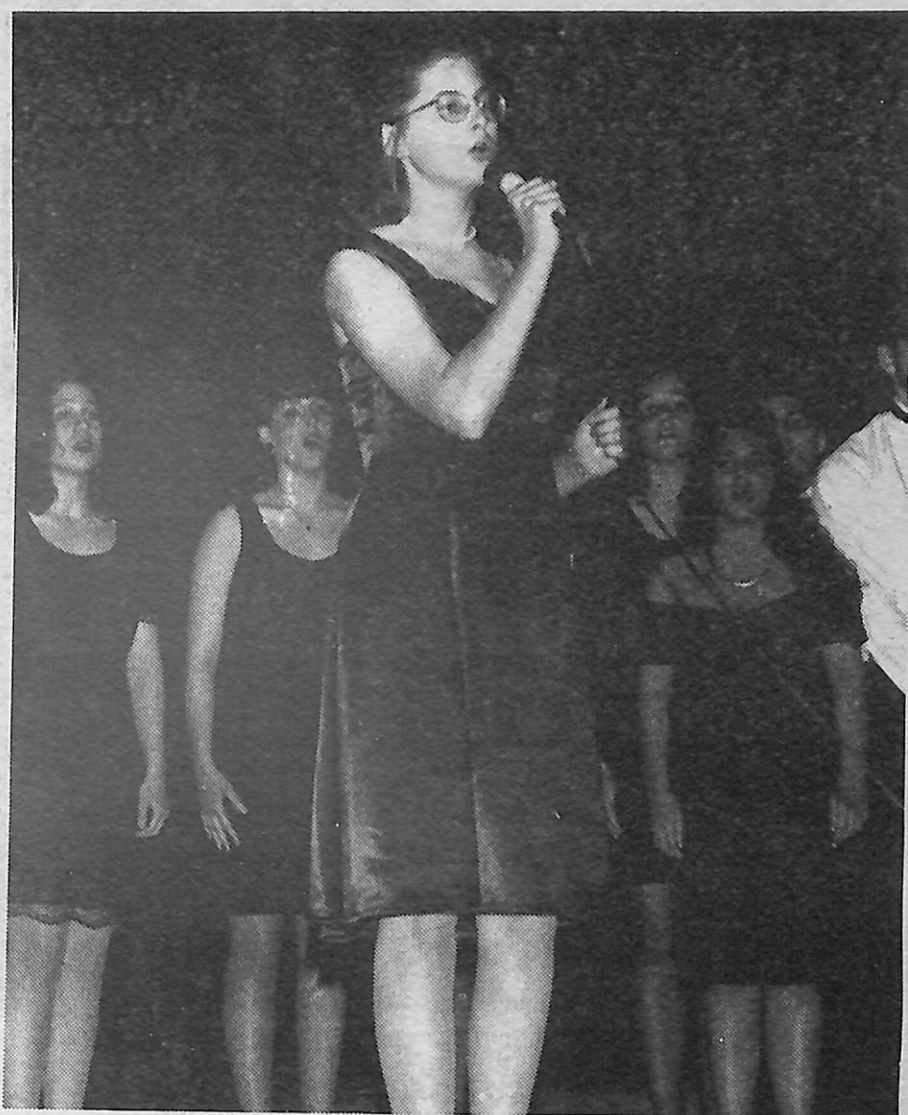
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AT THE RECENT AGAWAM HIGH BROADWAY REVUE, Suzanne Brown (top photo) sings "Memory" from "Cats"; IN PHOTO BELOW, Bobby Buoniconti & Eve Descant sing "Sun & Moon" from "Miss Saigon." Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



AHS Band Picnic Slated For May 31st

The Agawam High School Band and Color Guard Family Picnic will be held Monday, May 31st at the V.F.W., South Street, Agawam.

The picnic will begin after the parade and will continue until 4:30 p.m. Hot dogs, rolls, and condiments will be provided. Bring your own soft drink and favorite salad, dessert, or other.

For more information, please contact Janine Bryant at 786-0640 or Fran Drewnowski at 786-5814.

Come and have a great time. A special welcome to upcoming High School Band and Colorguard and alumni.

Sarah Hart Inducted To Honor Society

Sarah Hart, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Hart of Hartland Hollow Road, Granville, was recently inducted into the National Honor Society at Southick-Tolland Regional High School, where she is a member of the junior class.

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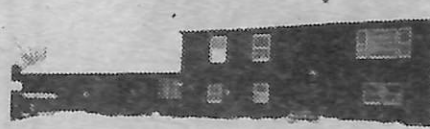


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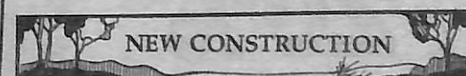


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Gerwick Puppets Delight Students At Clark School

by Iris Copson
School Department Editor

Clark School PTO sponsored two performances of The Gerwick Puppets for students last week in the gymnasium.

Actor-puppeteers Deborah Costine and Lenny Gerwick presented the captivating story of "Aladdin and the Magic Lamp" for younger elementary students, and grades three and four watched an adapted "Rip Van Winkle" from Washington Irving's American classic.

Each production included scenery, lighting, music, and a cast of unique characters performed live by the two puppeteers. Gerwick's artistic ability was displayed through vivid paintings of background scenery, lighting, and props.

Ms. Costine's talent for creativity enhanced the performance with an array of beautifully hand-crafted puppets. She begins the head of the puppet from papier mache.

"I use brown grocery bags and wallpaper paste. First I boil the bags to make them more pliable," said Ms. Costine.

The faces are finished with perfect details in paints and she adds hair and accessories. The clothing used on the puppets is traditionally authentic to the times.

She noted, "Months and months of work go into the preparation of a production. It took us two years to prepare for Rip Van Winkle."

Gerwick added, "We tried to have a lot of the characters that Washington Irving originally put into his story. Rip slept through 20 years and missed the Revolutionary War."

Students Actually Participated In Productions

Students were not only captivated by the productions, they were included in the dialogue. During the contest of who would become master of the magic copper lantern (which held the powerful genie in "Aladdin"), the evil magician captured Aladdin's love, Princess Nephrodites.

While the princess was in captivity, she talked with the children and asked them what she should do to escape from the deserted island before the evil spellbinder could do her harm. The students became so engrossed with the dilemma, they had a difficult time remaining in their seats!

In the end, Aladdin's three wishes were granted by the grateful genie, and a magic carpet brought Aladdin and his princess back to their homeland and safety.

The fantasy of "Rip Van Winkle" depicted Dame Van Winkle in a slightly different character than the snide spinster.

Instead, her sad expression evoked sympathy from the audience for the poor wretch, who was left a widow for 20 years while her happy-go-lucky spouse literally slept his life away. Historical references to the Revolutionary War period were added to enhance the story as well.

On June 21st, the Agawam Public Library will present The Gerwick Puppets' production of "Inside the Haunted House." It is an original story about a boy and girl who accept a dare from the local bully to explore a haunted old mansion.

Gerwick said, "This performance is scary for children under five and is not pre-school material."



THE GERWICK PUPPETS presented the play "Aladdin and the Magic Lamp," for younger elementary students at James Clark School last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Middle School PTO News & Events

The most recent meeting of the Agawam Middle School PTO was held on Monday, May 3rd, and the following items of interest comprised the topics discussed at that meeting:

The PTO's slate of officers for the 1993-94 school year has been finalized and goes as follows—Helen Manning, President; Kathy Mounelme, Vice-President; Kathy Devall, Secretary; Sue Hoague, Treasurer; Joanne Szymanski, Hospitality; and Louise Escobar, Sandra Conti, and Lee Rullmann, Adelphi.

However, the PTO wishes to remind parents that the positions of Ways and Means and Newsletters are still available. Please see any of the officers if you are interested.

The mural paintings are done and hopefully will be up by the end of the school year.

Big Y Express reports that there are over 440 Middle School shoppers with over one-million points. Keep shopping!

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The recent Book Fair resulted in an profit of

\$780. This money will be allocated toward the purchase of a laminator.

The Teacher Appreciation Day breakfast was held on May 4th.

A program for fifth grade students will be held on Thursday, June 3rd. Ventriloquist Judy Buch will present the program at 1:10 p.m.

A town-wide cleanup, co-sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club and the Town of Agawam Planning Department, will be held on June 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please meet at the Agawam High School parking lot.

A sixth grade program entitled "Hawks, Owls and Wildlife" will be presented June 9th in the afternoon.

Field Day will be held on June 16th for the fifth grade, and June 17th for the sixth grade.

The next board meeting of the Agawam Middle School PTO will be held on Monday, June 7th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School cafeteria. This will be the last meeting of the school year.

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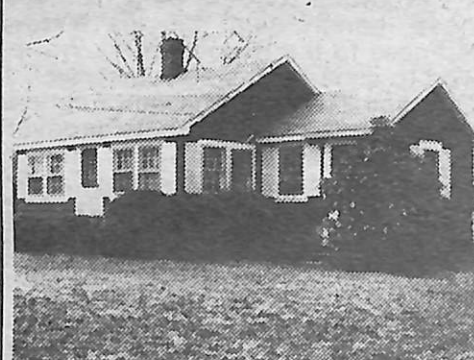
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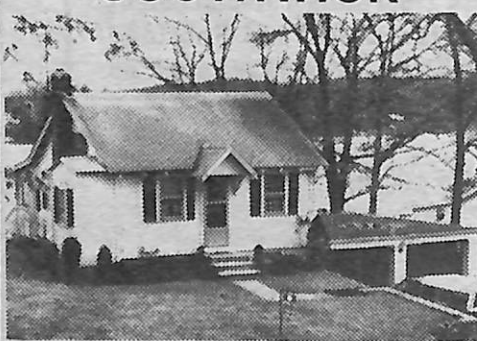
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CROSSING GUARDS - from Page 1...

Mrs. Galarneau stated that a letter from Charest dated December 9th (1992) to Diane Circosta-Aspinall (then PTO President at Clark School) indicated that light traffic did not warrant a crossing guard.

She further indicated that on March 11th, a letter from Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder also indicated that the odds were not in favor of getting a crossing guard at Clark School.

Reassuring Clark School Parents

Mrs. Galarneau then reviewed the steps taken by the School Committee and the town to help reassure parents that their children's safety was being protected.

She said that crossing lines and the word "school" were repainted on South Street, and crossing signs were reinstalled. She noted that an additional crosswalk and painted walking areas at the edge of Oxford Street were also completed.

"Afternoon walkers are assembled and let out after the buses leave," said Mrs. Galarneau.

She added that the School Department petitioned to have a stop sign installed at the end of Oxford Street and Quail Hollow, and that an engineering study be conducted on the traffic flow in the parking lot (indicating that the board's attention had been given to this matter).

Mrs. Galarneau said that Longhi's new recommendation to place a crossing guard at South Street on May 7th was based on a study done this spring where increased speed was a factor.

The following recommendations were made by the transportation subcommittee as an amendment to resolution:

- That a crossing guard be placed on South Street and a system-wide study be conducted of all the walking routes and parking lots by Longhi and Charest;

- That a report be submitted in writing to the transportation subcommittee by them before the beginning of next school year and formal studies be completed semi-annually;

- Those studies shall be reviewed with the subcommittee each fall and spring;

- That a criteria of crossing guards be established and submitted in writing before the beginning of the next school year;

- That a priority rating system for crossing guards be established for all walking routes and used in the event budget constraints call for a decrease in the number of crossing guards in the system;

- That the Safety Officer's recommendations and criteria of crossing guards be factored equally.

Member Teresa Kozloski said that during the two-hour radar study done recently at the Clark School area, 14 speed violators were noted. She asked that all reports in the future be written and "based on facts."

Both the amendment (including the recommendations by the transportation subcommittee) and the original resolution were passed unanimously, 7-0, by the board.

Fitness First Promotes Kids' Exercise



ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 5TH, Fitness First Health & Racquet Club, as part of a worldwide effort to increase physical fitness awareness in children, participated in a "work out" with Granger School students, led by fitness director Barbara Vinciguerra and other Fitness First staff members.



Marching Mohawks Holding Tag Sale

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Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 24th: Oven baked chicken nuggets, steamed rice, seasoned carrots, bread & butter, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Tuesday, May 25th: Steamed frankfort in roll, mustard, relish, catsup, oven potato puffs, seasoned mixed vegetables, jello with whipped topping or fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday, May 26th: Hamburg in roll, seasoned green beans, steamed rice, mustard, relish, catsup, petite banana, milk.

Thursday, May 27th: Chuck wagon chicken casserole, whipped potatoes, wheat bread & butter, peas & carrots, rosy applesauce, milk.

Friday, May 28th: Grilled cheese sandwich, tossed garden salad, oven potato puffs with catsup, ice cream cup, milk.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to the Agawam School Lunch.)

AHS Art Classes Enjoy Field Trip To Berkshire Museums

The Agawam High School art classes of Mrs. Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal and some of the students from Miss Frances Messina's classes visited the new Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge and the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute in Williamstown earlier this month.

The new \$4.3 million Rockwell Museum, with 7,500 feet, is located on 36 acres of land and has five times the exhibit space as the old museum. It houses the world's largest body of works by the artist. Some 500 of his original paintings, drawings, and illustrations of the people around him, who were his models, are now on view.

Rockwell's art studio, a renovated barn, has been transported to the site and is open for inspection. It was his wish that his workplace be preserved for the public. It houses his easel, paint brushes, furnishings, gifts to him, knick-knacks, collected mementoes and some 500 books.

The major strengths of the Clark Art Institute, the second museum visited by the group, lie in its holdings of French 19th-century paintings, of English silver and of prints and drawings. Some of the artists included Monet, Degas, Pissaro, Holmer, Sargent, Cassatt, Remington, Gainsborough, Turner, and Goya.

Dosons were provided for a lecture tour of both museums. Chaperones were Mr. & Mrs. Richard Smith, Mrs. Wally Muise, Mrs. Bernard Ryder, Mrs. Richard Abbey, Mr. Edward Lynch, and Mrs. Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal.

Students taking the trip were Chris Albano, Jason Aloise, Roberta Armstrong, Joey Beauchemin, Neil Bernard, Kevin Borgatti, Monica Borgatti, Jan Brouwer, Justin Buiso, Jay Cross, Jessica Crowley, David Della Russo, Danielle DiDonato, Janell Erskine, Eva Feldkaemper, Kristy Frances, MaryAnn Kerr, Robert Latif, Xuan Ly, Renate Marsh, Tara Marshall, Anna McNamee, Germaine Olmo, Rosemarie Oppedisano, Kelli Parker, Brooke Priestly, Patricia Quevedo, Don Raines, Michael Rose, Lisa Savioli, Michelle Scazzarini, Gina Serra, Paul Shannon, Jen Siana, Joh Szamowski, and Marie Trincaretto.

Agawam School Bus Patrol Visits Bronx Zoo



AGAWAM SAFETY OFFICER Al Longhi and the School Bus Safety Patrol recently paid a visit to the Bronx Zoo in New York City. Longhi wishes to thank all of the clubs and organizations in town who made this trip possible.

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PHYSICS STUDENTS from all over New England converged on Riverside Park on Friday, May 7th, for the Annual Physics Day. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

New England Physics Students Feted By Riverside Park May 7th

More than 5,000 students were expected to attend "Physics Day" at Riverside Park on Friday, May 7th. An annual event for over 10 years, Physics Day invites students throughout New England to calculate and study the twirling rides and slippery slides at New England's largest family fun park.

Roller coaster and ride designer John Pierce hosted question-and-answer seminars for physics

teachers throughout the day. The Connecticut Association of Physics Teachers hosted a competition featuring handmade golfball launchers created and designed by physics students.

For Physics Day on Friday, May 7th, Riverside Park operated from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight and offered a special discounted admission. In addition, testing materials were available at the park to enable students of all ages and their teachers to perform various physics experiments.

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Middle School Guidance News

by Thomas F. Dacey
Middle School Guidance Counselor

The counselors wish to alert parents that the students at the Middle School are reaching the midpoint of the fourth and final marking period. Special reports for poor academic progress and other problems will be issued on or about May 21st.

Since the school year is nearing its end, the counselors urge parents to monitor their child's progress carefully and to make sure all homework is completed and handed in on time. There is still time for most students to achieve success and be promoted to the next grade.

Parents are always welcome to call the guidance office to discuss any problems. Mr. Dacey, the fifth grade counselor, can be reached at 789-1400, ext 453, and Mr. Alan Cohen, the sixth grade counselor, can be reached at 789-1400, ext. 454, on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The coed intramural softball program is currently underway at the Middle School. Competition is between homerooms at both the fifth and sixth grade levels. Mrs. Leslie Martel is in charge of the fifth grade program, and Mr. Phil Blizzard supervises the sixth graders. The games will continue into June when playoffs will determine the championship team from each grade.

Mr. Robert Farrell, assistant principal at the Middle School, and Mr. Thomas Dacey, guidance counselor, are presently visiting the four elementary schools in Agawam and discussing the Middle School program with the fourth grade students.

The fourth graders will be making an orientation trip to the Middle School early in June. They will tour the school and be given an opportunity to talk with the staff and to ask any questions they may have.

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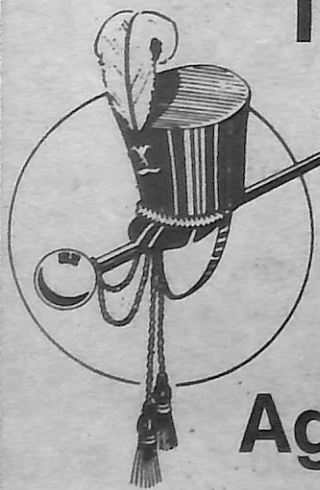


TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY was celebrated at Robinson Park School on May 4th. From left - Sylvia Ready, Cynthia Basdekis, Christine Marek, and Christine Matera: PHOTO RIGHT - Carol Orsatti, Barbara Regish, Francine Bigda, and Margaret Bielin. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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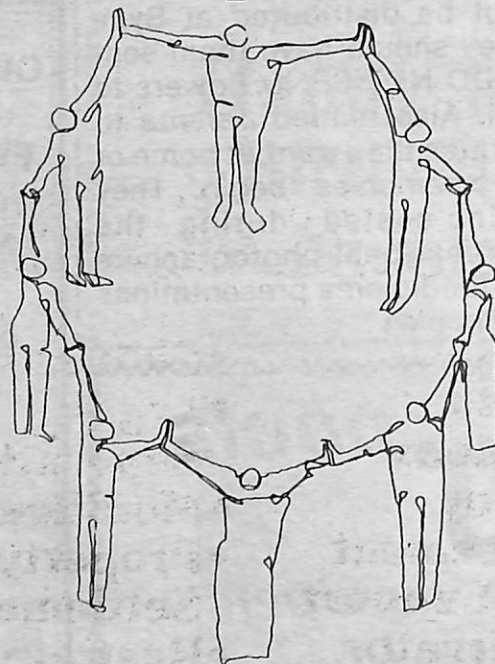


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Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, May 25th, 26th, & 27th: FINALS for seniors.

Thursday, May 27th: LAST DAY FOR SENIORS & PICNIC. Buses will be loaded in parking lot at 4:00 p.m. At High Meadows from 4:30 to 10:30 p.m. Back to Agawam by 11:00 p.m. **NOTE:** You don't have to bring anything other than a swim suit and towel. You may want to bring your own tennis racquet or baseball glove but High Meadows does have most of the equipment. **Anything brought onto the bus can be searched.**

Friday, May 28th: BREAKFAST for all seniors at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills from 9:00 a.m. to noontime.

Tuesday, June 1st: AWARDS NIGHT. Seniors should be in the gym by 6:30 p.m. Awards Night Program will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. **YOU MUST WEAR** your gap and gown.

Wednesday, June 2nd: REHEARSAL for graduation at 9:30 a.m. (without gaps and gowns) at Springfield Symphony Hall. Please take the public bus or car pool because parking will be at a minimum at that time in the morning. Avoid the Memorial Bridge because of the construction. Rehearsal will last 60 to 90 minutes.

Sunday, June 6th: GRADUATION: 1:00 p.m. sharp at Symphony Hall. You must be in the Mahogany Room **no later than 12:15 p.m. in caps and gowns.** REMIND YOUR PARENTS & RELATIVES that they must have their invitations with them; 10 tickets per graduate.

Please also remind your parents that flowers will not be distributed at Symphony Hall. They should have them sent to your home. **DO NOT SEND** flowers to Symphony Hall. Also remind parents to take all the pictures they want at home or **BEFORE** the ceremonies begin. They should remain seated during the ceremonies. Professional photographers will be on hand for diploma presentations during the ceremonies.

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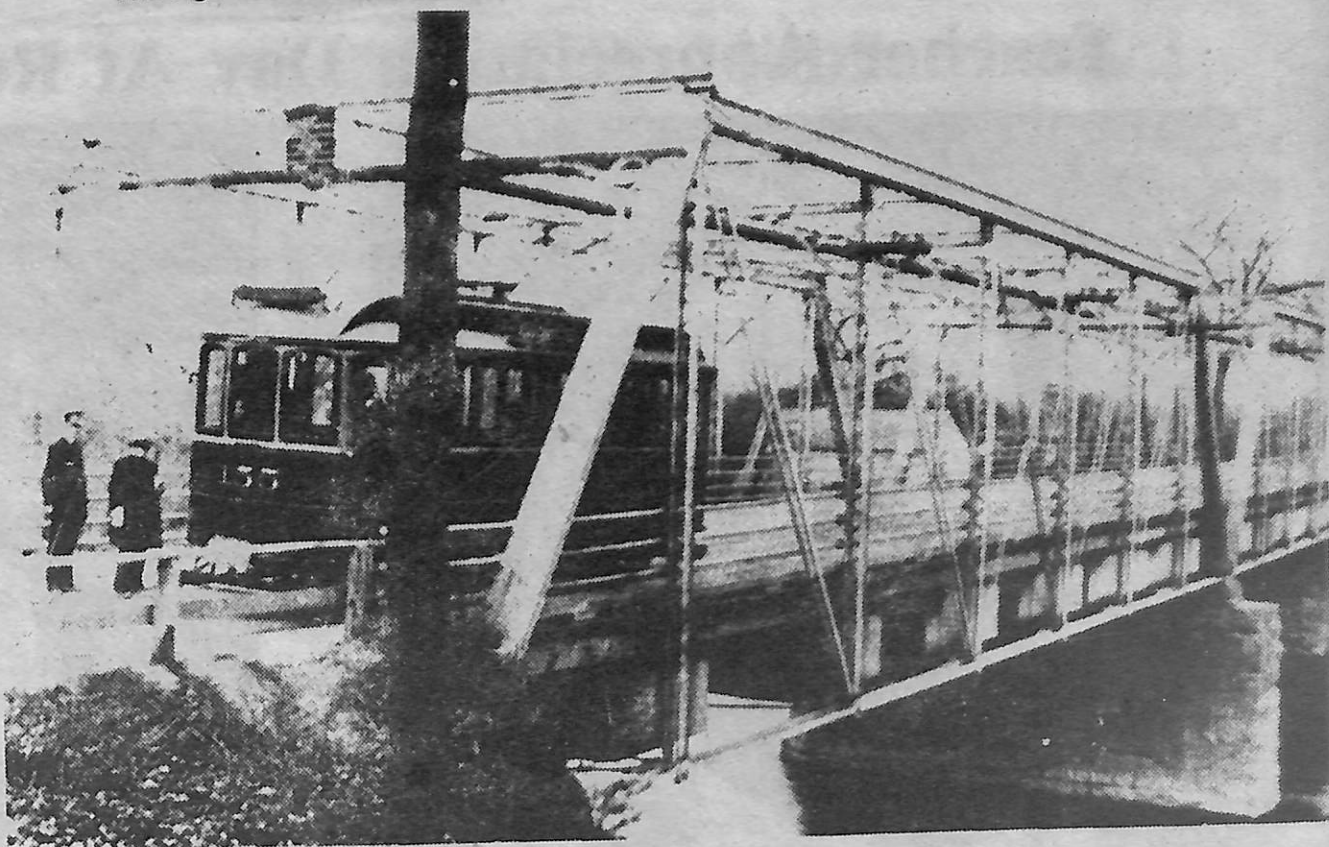
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Many Town Students Responding To "Name The Bridge Contest"

Many students have already returned their papers for the "Name The Bridge Contest" to the Town Hall. Agawam and West Springfield students from kindergarten thru seventh grade are currently studying the bridge in conjunction with their local history lessons, and they are being encouraged to submit their suggestions to the Town Hall by May 21st, said Town Planner Deborah Dachos.

The bridge-naming contest is part of an overall bridge beautification project, according to Agawam City Council Vice-President George Bitzas. In addition to the new name, the bridge will be decorated with flower planters measuring 3½ feet by 1½ feet. These will be filled with flowers by the West Side Garden Club and the Agawam Beautification members, and then placed atop the bridge's 22 pilings.

Bitzas said the town received the first shipment of 12 planters last week, with the remaining shipment expected to arrive this week. "Our goal is to bring people from both towns together to work on this project, building community spirit and pride in our towns," he added.

The monies for this project came from \$1,000 donations from the Agawam and West Springfield Chambers of Commerce, and \$2,500 from the Eastern States Exposition. The irrigation system has been donated by Western Mass. Irrigation of Agawam.

The bridge will be officially named on June 14th as part of a 10:00 a.m. Flag Day ceremony. This will take place in the parking lot of Rocky's Hardware on Springfield Street in Agawam. Federal, state, and local officials from both towns—along with officials from the Big E and school department representatives from Agawam and West Springfield—will be in attendance.

The Agawam Junior High Band will be performing, and the Agawam and West Springfield American Legions will present the colors, Bitzas said.

The Agawam/West Springfield Lions Club will serve refreshments, and the Girl Scouts will assist with the program by distributing small pots of flowers to those attending. Bitzas wishes to remind everyone that the public is cordially welcome to attend this Flag Day ceremony.

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Natural History Day At Laughing Brook

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At 12:00 noon, Wilbraham photographer Ray Asselin will premier his film, *The Snakes of New England*; at 12:30 p.m., Rene Laubach, Director of the Massachusetts Audubon Society's Berkshire Sanctuaries, will offer a slide presentation to introduce his new book, *A Guide to Natural Places in the Berkshire Hills*.

Beginning at 1:45 p.m., Paul Rezendes, naturalist and tracker, will lead an interpretive walk along Laughing Brook's trails in order to highlight the focus of his book, *Tracking and the Art of Seeing: How to Read Animal Tracks and Signs*; from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., Ted Levin, a naturalist and syndicated columnist from Vermont, will present his books, *Blood Brook: A Naturalist's Home Ground* and *Backtracking: The Way of a Naturalist* through readings and slides.

To complement these featured presentations, Laughing Brook volunteers and staff members will be leading interpretive walks on the sanctuary beginning at 12:30, 1:30, 2:00, and 3:15 p.m. Light refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon.

All programs are free with the regular sanctuary admission fee of \$3 for adults, and \$2 for children and senior citizens; members of the Massachusetts Audubon Society and residents of the town of Hampden are asked to make a donation.

St. Thomas School Seeking Alumni Info

Saint Thomas School is seeking to compile a complete list of alumni. All graduates are asked to submit their names, addresses, phone numbers and year of graduation to the St. Thomas Alumni Association, c/o the school, 75 Pine Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Also, if anyone would be willing to help in this vast endeavor, please notify the Alumni Association by the same method. They would like to have one representative from each year to represent their class on the committee.

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Teacher Appreciation Day At Phelps School



TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY at Phelps School. TOP PHOTO - Joan Carra, Linda "B", Linda Vooy's; seated - Denise Nostin, Janis Noyes, and Ann Marie Bellico. PHOTO BELOW - Mrs. Ferioli, Mrs. Early, Miss Frigo; seated - Darlene Woolson, Gloria DiPietro (retired secretary), and Sue Moesley. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Sports

Lacrosse Teams Now A Reality For Agawam High's Sports Program

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Last Thursday afternoon, the softball and baseball teams enjoyed an off day, but the lower fields at Agawam High School saw plenty of action nonetheless. As mentioned previously in this space, the school had now created boys' and girls' lacrosse teams that compete at a club level.

There has been great interest and participation levels in the sport and the boys and girls played a doubleheader on Thursday at home.

Early and mid-afternoon commitments made me unavailable to watch the boys' game against South Hadley, but I was able to arrive midway in the first half of the girls' game against Minnechaug Regional High School.

Agawam High wrestling Coach Phil Tomkiel's daughter (Elizabeth) plays for the Minnechaug team and he has been learning the sport for several years. Luckily, he was on hand for some basic analysis of the game.

Minnechaug won the game 5-2, but Tomkiel was impressed with the skills that the Agawam team has shown thus far. "Agawam has excellent cradling skills. They move the ball around beautifully. Once their catching skills catch up with the other parts of the game, they are going to do very well," said Tomkiel.

The game is played with far fewer whistles and restrictions than its sister sports (field hockey and hockey), but it certainly is a spectator sport. A lot of action and running and a decent amount of scoring keeps folks interested throughout. There was also a good crowd assembled to view the action.

Players are allowed to leave the boundaries of the field and even cut in behind the goal and come back for wraparound goal attempts and passes. The players must constantly swivel their laxes (sticks) as they run or else the ball would fall out of it. The girls' game allows for no contact on these rushes, but the boys are well-padded when they play and there is plenty of controlled chaos and hitting that goes on during those contests.

The AHS girls have picked up two victories on the season and the boys are still in search of win number one.

3 Fall Coaches Sought At AHS

Agawam High School is seeking a boys' varsity soccer coach as well as a freshman and junior varsity field hockey coach for the upcoming fall campaign.

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LEADING THE 1993 WOMEN'S LACROSSE TEAM for Agawam High are Coach Cindy Grieve, seniors Carrie Blackak, Kristen D'Amato, Alia El Zayat, and Coach Wendy Jacques.

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Agawam High's Boys' Lacrosse Team



IN TOP PHOTO, the members of AHS's boys' 1993 lacrosse team, the first one in the school's history. Back row - Coach Jeff Corbin, Chris Lock, Dana Adams, Matt Disco, Joe Diabo, Matt Christy, Todd Boskiewicz, Mike Twarkins, and Mike Poth. Second row - Tom Page, Dave Rose, Greg Wegrzyn, Scott Belisle, Jeremy Pajer, Frank Fila, Marty Giroux, Andy Markowski, Matt Radwanski, Brian DeNardo, and Christian DeBonville. Front row - Joe Bianca, Tim Reid, Derek Poole, John Scalise, Ray Sawyer, Pete Desrosiers, Sean Szczygiel, Zack Kashmaian, Steve Cincotta, and Steve Martin. IN PHOTO AT RIGHT, Coach Jeff Corbin and senior Pete Desrosiers. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Brownies Bow To Chicopee Comp, 1-0, In Highly Competitive, Toe-To-Toe Ballgame

By Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Jolon Makowski of Chicopee Comp High and Brian Anderson of Agawam High hooked up an afternoon delight pitching duel on Friday afternoon (May 14th) at Rivers Park in Chicopee.

The two Valley League teams went at it toe-to-toe all afternoon in a fine battle that had the spectators glued to their seats throughout. Anderson would throw a one-hitter at the Colts, and the Brownies would manage just five singles off Makowski.

Somebody had to win, however, and on this day, it was the Colts who managed one funny, fourth-inning run and made it stand up for a 1-0 victory which spun the Brownies deeper onto the ropes as the season winds down.

Agawam stands at 6-8 (0-2 in the league), and the only way that they could reach the playoffs would be to sweep their six remaining games or somehow finish in second place in the Valley Wheel. Oftentimes, a 4-4 record in league play earns a team a tie for second place in the very competitive league.

The Brownies went in order in the first, and Comp got their only hit of the ballgame when John Chanan singled up the middle with two outs.

In the Agawam second, Brian Klinakis punched a two-out single and moved to second when Jason Votzakos struck out, but reached on a passed ball on the third strike. The Brownies were unable to capitalize on the mini-rally.

Brian Colby came up with the play of the day as he speared a low, wicked liner near the right field line while driving hard towards home plate. From the naked eye, it appeared Colby had trapped the ball, but the umpire signalled the out and the Colts went quietly.

Nathan Wooley singled hard to left with one out in the third, but he was gunned down attempting to steal to end the inning. The Colts got a little something going in their third when Anderson misplayed a bunt and later issued a walk. He got out of it by inducing a popup to Wooley at short, and the game stayed scoreless into the fourth.

Colby roped a single through the shortstop hole leading the fourth and then he was thrown out stealing, as Joe Gaylor was frozen on a two-strike curveball resulting in the strike 'em out-throw 'em out double play.

Despite Brilliant Pitching...

Anderson pitched a brilliant ballgame, but had only himself to blame for the loss after the game. He walked the leadoff man in the fourth and then a communication breakdown occurred.

Gaylor broke off the first base bag to charge for the apparent sacrifice nearly simultaneously with Anderson going for the pickoff. The ball went wild and the runner was awarded second.

A sacrifice bunt and a sacrifice fly plated the run and Comp had the lead, 1-0.

Makowski got even tougher with excellent placement of his fastball and just enough curves to keep the Brownies dancing in the batter's box. He would retire the next five Brownies (three of them on strikes).

Wooley would crush a fastball to deep right center with one out in the sixth, but Coach Danny Dulchinos had his outfield playing very deep and

the centerfielder ranged back for a routine play. Eric Mastroianni singled and stole second, but he went wasted as Colby looked at called strike three.

Comp nearly got insurance in the sixth when a walk, a stolen base, and a sacrifice had a man at third with two down, but Klinakis came up with a beautiful stop on an Anderson pitch in the dirt that definitely saved a run. It remained 1-0 as the game moved swiftly along to the seventh, where Agawam would have one last crack at them.

Gaylor led off and ran the count to 3-0. Makowski got it back to a full count before the big first baseman skied to centerfield. Jeff Henderson drilled a single to left to keep the Brownies alive, and Chris Demastrie came off the pine to pinch run. Klinakis came to bat and fouled seven pitches before hitting a one-hopper back to the box.

Makowski wheeled and fired to the middle of the diamond to start the game-ending double play. Agawam travels to Holyoke before opening their home league season at presstime against the Golden Eagles of Central High.

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Despite Lack Of Depth, AHS's Track Teams Display Much Talent

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The lack of numbers and depth cost the Agawam High girls' track team two more times this past week as the locals dropped meets to Central and Longmeadow High Schools.

With only 11 athletes competing on Monday afternoon, the Brownies fell at Longmeadow by the surprisingly close margin of 78-58.

Erica Schlaffer ran a 13.1 to win the 100 meters for the Brownies and Dyan Deluce qualified for the Western Mass. Meet with another win in the one mile run. She ran four times around the oval in 5:50 to earn the post-season berth. She also won the discus with a heave of 74'11".

Rose Pignatare jumped a personal best (15'3") to win the long jump and then she finished a surprising second (83'5") in the javelin. Teammate Nina Giordano stepped up to take this event with a mighty heave of 83'7".

Sue DeFilipi placed second in the 800 with a time of 2:48 to also qualify for the Western Mass. Meet. She also grabbed second in the high jump with a leap of 4'8". Lubna Yousef threw the shot 25'8 3/4" for a second place finish.

The 4 x 100 relay team of Schlaffer, Pignatare, Giordano, and Kara McDade got home in 56.13 to win that event. Deluce also placed second in the 200 meter dash in 28.4 seconds.

The Brownies also dropped an 82-45 verdict to the Central High Golden Eagles last Thursday afternoon at Harmon Smith Field.

DeFilipi shined in that one as she won the 800 (2:49) and the two mile run (14:13). She placed second in the high jump at 4'6".

Pignatare earned top honors in the long jump (14'8 1/2"); Schlaffer hit the tape first in the 100 meter dash again (14.1); and Deluce won the mile run in 5:59.

The Agawam High boys' track team, like the girls, got plenty of fine efforts back lacked depth on Monday afternoon in its loss to Longmeadow. The Lancers had many second and third place finishers to eek-out a 74-71 victory over the Brownies.

Tommy Briggs won the long jump by flying 19'7", and he placed first in the 100 meter dash in 11.8.

Dan Pryce won the shot put with a toss of 42 feet and he cleared the bar at 5'10" in the high jump to claim the top spot in that event as well.

Dan Moriarty blazed a 53.8 to earn the gold in the 400 meter dash. Brandon Moore got home first in the 800 meters in a time of 2:20. Nick Langone heaved the discus 110'9" to win that event.

Both relay teams also earned the winning time as Chris Benjamin, Joe Willis, Pryce, and Briggs zipped around in the 4 x 100 to the tune of 48.0. And Willis, Ryan Willett, Moore, and Moriarty turned in a winning performance of 3:49 in the 4 X 400 relay.

Agawam's Baseball Squad Loses To Holyoke; Brownies' Record Now Stands At 6-9

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

When the first Valley League encounter with Holyoke appeared on the schedule, Coach Lou Conte and his Agawam High baseball Brownies were hoping they would come away with the victory. The game was slated for MacKenzie Field in Holyoke.

So, under the heading of "Be Careful What You Wish For," the game was flippfopped for a late-season, under-the-lights contest at Holyoke, and the Brownies entertained the Purple Knights in Agawam on Monday afternoon (May 17th).

So, after a leisurely drive through Holyoke and a visit to their many baseball diamonds, I finally got back to Agawam in the top half of the third inning.

The first play witnessed was a painful one for Agawam, as centerfielder Brian Colby dove all out for a low liner leading off the frame. The ball ricocheted right into his forehead, but he had the presence of mind to get up and throw a strike to second base and nail the runner trying for extra bases.

The Brownies trailed it 6-2 and would ultimately drop their third straight Valley League ballgame, this time by the score of 9-7.

Jon Jacobsen served up a two-run bomb over the rightfield fence to Chris Mitchell in the first inning as the Purple Knights took the lead. Agawam came back on walks to Nate Wooley and Eric Mastroianni, and ultimately tied the ballgame on an RBI single by Joe Gaylor and a Colby fielder's choice.

Holyoke struck back with four runs in the second off Jacobsen, as they banged out four base hits and a walk to fuel the outburst. The visitors led it 6-2 and had a nice cushion for right-handed hurler Cory Murphy.

Jeff Campbell relieved Jacobsen in the fourth with one out and a runner at third. He got the first hitter to tap one back to the box and the runner held at third. The second kid hit what should have been a routine, inning-ending grounder to second.

Mastroianni booted it and the run scored to push the lead to 7-2.

Some "Noises" From AHS

The Brownies made noises as if they were coming back in the fourth when Mastroianni led with a walk and Tavie Johnson singled hard to left one out later. Brian Klinakis whacked an RBI hit into the gap in right-center as Mastroianni came on to score. Johnson wheeled his way into third.

Jay Votakis skied one to shallow left-center and Johnson turned it into a sacrifice fly by racing down the line at third to cut the lead to 7-4. John O'Brien tried to keep it going with two outs by cramming a single into center, but Chris Wilkie's little pop behind the mound was caught by the third baseman as the Purple Knights converged behind the hill.

Campbell pitched well in relief and kept the Knights off the board in the fifth. The Brownies powdered the ball in their half of the inning as Campbell smashed a low liner to center that was caught; Mastroianni nailed a shot that almost cut the legs off the shortstop; and Gaylor hit one to deep left centerfield, but the ball was flagged down and the Brownies were kept off the board.

Holyoke added a run in the sixth on a walk, a stolen base, and an RBI single to left, making the count 8-4. The Paper City nine added to their advantage in the seventh, as Campbell gave two infield singles and a couple of base on balls to force home the ninth run.

Wilkie and Jeff Henderson worked a pair of walks in the seventh, and Gaylor provided a late-game thrill by driving a high fastball into left-center for a three-run homer with two outs. That only served to cut the margin to 9-7.

Agawam is 6-9 on the season, and 0-3 in the league. It hosts Central at presstime and awaits the Cathedral High Panthers at AHS on Friday afternoon (May 21st) at 3:30 p.m.

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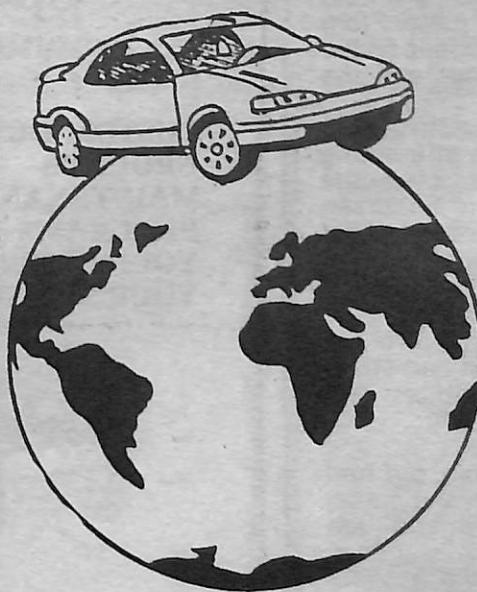
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Ag. Park Dept.'s Summer Of '93

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There will be no refunds of the program fee unless the program is cancelled. All programs are subject to change due to participation.

All programs will be cancelled on any day that we are experiencing severe weather. Notification will be placed on radio station WMAS (1450 AM or 94.7 FM). If you are still in doubt, call the Recreation Office at 786-0400, extension 456.

ADULT SWIM LESSONS:

Adult swim lessons will be held twice a week on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 6:50 p.m. at Perry Lane Park pool, beginning on Monday, July 12th, through Wednesday, August 11th.

The cost for the lessons will be \$25 for the 10 lessons.

YOUTH SWIM LESSONS:

Swim lessons will be offered at Perry Lane Park Pool to those children four years-old and up who are not attending camp at Perry Lane.

The lessons will be held twice a week on Tuesday and Saturday mornings beginning Tuesday, July 6th through Saturday, August 7th. The cost will be \$15 for the 10 lessons, and class will be 10:00 to 10:50 a.m., or 11:00 to 11:50 a.m.

YOUTH/ADULTS TENNIS LESSONS:

Tennis lessons will be offered at the Perry Lane Park tennis courts each Tuesday evening beginning on Tuesday, June 15th.

Sessions: June 15th to August 3rd (eight weeks).

Times: Tuesdays, 6:00 to 6:50 p.m., ages seven through 14th; 7:00 to 7:50 p.m., ages 15 and up (including adults).

Location: Perry Lane Park tennis courts.

Registration: Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$15 per person (limit of 10 to each class).

Instructor: Rudy Altobelli.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE:

All volleyball games will be held at Perry Lane Park. Please bring your own volleyballs.

Women's Volleyball will be played on Monday nights beginning June 7th at 6:00 p.m. This program will continue during the summer and there is no charge.

Men's Volleyball will be held every Tuesday night beginning June 8th at 6:00 p.m. There is no charge for this program, which will continue throughout the summer.

Co-Ed Volleyball will be held every Wednesday night beginning June 9th at 6:00 p.m. This program will continue during the summer, and there will be no charge.

AGAWAM HORSE SHOE LEAGUE TO START:

Calling all adults (both male and female) who would like to take part in a horse shoe pitching league at Perry Lane Park for the coming summer season.

An organizational meeting will be held on Saturday morning, June 12th, at 10:00 a.m. at the Perry Lane horse shoe pits.

PERRY LANE PARK—POOL FEES (1993):

Perry Lane Park is open to all residents year round (no fee).

The fees and charges will only be for pool use, and special rates will be charged for large picnic groups using the pavilion. All facilities such as the tennis courts, horse shoe pits, volleyball court, etc., are open to the public but can be reserved for clubs or groups who wish to reserve by calling the Recreation Office (786-0400, ext. 456).

PERRY LANE PARK POOL:

The pool will be open on Father's Day weekend beginning Saturday, June 19th (weather permitting), and will be open daily for the summer through Labor Day (Monday, September 6th).

Hours for pool members and the general public will be 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. Exceptions may be made for special group events or exceptionally hot weather.

No disposable diapers will be allowed in the pool, and children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Seasonal Pool Pass

Senior Citizens	\$20 per person
Adults	\$25 per person
Children (under 16)	\$15 per child
Family (3 or more children)	\$65 per family
Family (1 or 2 children)	\$50 per family

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Adults/children	\$1 per person
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Sports A La Carte...

Hockey TV Comeback;
Jordan Unbelievableby Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

PAT RILEY is going to win another championship. I can feel it.

He has the horse (PAT EWING), he's got the homecourt (unless it's against Phoenix in the Finals), and he's got the most amazing playoff sixth sense that I've ever seen.

First, he sneaks HUBERT DAVIS into the lineup and he responds with several big shots, especially the three-pointer late against the Hornets. Then, he dusts off HERB WILLIAMS, and that big guy does a beautiful job on MOURNING. RO BLACKMAN hits a game winner to boost his confidence. Every member is getting involved.

Watch for TONY CAMPBELL to come through at least once against the Bulls. If you want to win, you can never get buried on a Riley bench in the playoffs...

Admittedly, with a chance to watch a menu of three baseball games, one basketball game, and a hockey game, somehow this scribe chose the pucks that night. The Islander-Penguin series was fantastic, and now there is a distinct feeling in my head that if they can manage to stay on the network long enough to build their audiences, the sport will survive.

Certainly, the David and Goliath angle (especially when David didn't have his biggest stone with PIERRE TURGEON out) made a measurable difference in the viewing patterns. The hard-hitting, the great goaltending, the unlikely hero in Game Seven, the sudden death. Hey, it was great stuff...

There are whispers that LARRY BIRD will surface as a head coach in Indiana. That would be a mistake. Can you imagine the expectations that we would place on his players and the work ethic that he would demand?

He wouldn't receive enough of either, and he would be burned out quicker than you can say REGGIE MILLER. I tell you what, though—he'd match up nicely with DETLEF SCHREMPF...

If I'm JEFF TORBORG, I know that I am not long for New York. He may not last through the end of May, as a matter of fact.

Here's what he should do. He's got this young pitcher named ANTHONY YOUNG who has suffered through 18 straight losses (at presstime). Should the Mets get a big lead for SABERHAGEN or GOODEN in the early going one of these days, Torborg should yank his starter before the fifth inning and bring in Young to throw an inning or two so he can qualify for the win!

That's got to be a lot of extra baggage for the youngster, and there are ways of vulturing a win that could be employed...

ESPN called MICHAEL JORDAN: "The guy who does once-in-a-lifetime things—once a year." This after he hit yet another buzzer-beater to eliminate the Cavs in their own building...

Speaking of superstars, Manager JIM LEYLAND (who doesn't have to say nice things about BARRY BONDS anymore) told the press that his former left fielder used to save the Pirates approximately 40 runs a season because of his outstanding defensive play in the outfield...

These hockey playoffs have tried to make household names out of goalies named CURTIS JOSEPH, GLENN HEALEY, and FELIX POTVIN, but it is old standby PATRICK ROY who is leading them all with a 2.23 Goals Against average for Montreal.

Agawam AA Swim & Hoop Award Winners



HONORED AT THE AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION'S recent basketball and swim awards banquet included, from left - Mike Robinson, Mike Grant, Caitlin Weisgerber, Amanda Fox, Ryan Sullivan, Jeffrey Rivkin, Kelli Kunkel, and Michael Johnson. Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.

The guy looked tres shaky late in the regular year, but he has been nearly impossible to beat once the quest for the Cup began for real...

The NFL has cleared TIM WORLEY to come back from his drug suspension, and those Steelers are going to have another tough piece of leather back there this season to run with BARRY FOSTER...

Last weekend might have been the first time ever that I picked a winner in either the Derby, the Preakness, and the Belmont. Of course, I had the favorite (Prairie Bayou) so it was no big deal, but it is exciting when your horse comes through like that...

Did you read the story about the blind man who fielded GEORGE BRETT'S historic 300th homer last Thursday night? RALPH GAY was walking behind the fence when Brett's blast came over the boards, and he reached down and picked up a little bit of history...

A couple little pieces of history to consider: TOM BRUNANSKY is batting .146 with one homer and nine RBI; CARLTON FISK is hitting .172 in limited action with one homer and two RBI; ELLIS BURKS is having a dandy of a season at the plate, but has stolen two bases and been caught four times; WADE BOGGS has already struck out 17 times and sees his average in the .260's again; BRADY ANDERSON is at .239 with three HRs and 14 RBI; and MATT YOUNG'S ERA is up near 7.00 and he still hasn't won a game since the Chicago Fire...

Found an interesting definition of tennis this week: BILLIE JEAN KING once said about her sport, "It's a perfect combination of violent action taking place in an atmosphere of total tranquility."...

Brownie Girls Move
To 11-3 On Court;
Look To Playoffsby Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' tennis team has been on a roll for several weeks now as it storms toward the Western Mass. Tournament. On Tuesday afternoon, the Brownies wound up in a struggle vs. Minnechaug and still pulled it off despite a late afternoon soaking rain.

The Agawam wins brings the slate to 11-3 with a date vs. Westfield in question at presstime due to more rainy weather.

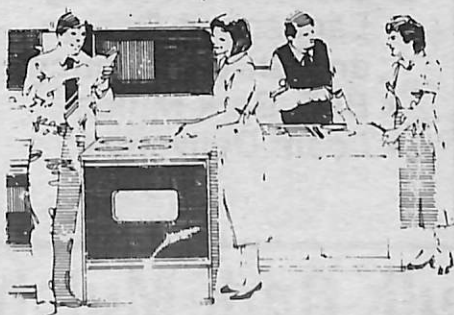
"Liz Cornwell was the difference today," said Coach Mary Wolochowicz. "Everybody else was finished and she was in the spotlight dodging the raindrops. After losing the second set, she didn't let down and she really played some superb tennis for us. She certainly showed some senior leadership for us today."

Cornwell won the number two singles match in three sets (7-5, 3-6, 6-2) to capture the match and earn Agawam a 3-2 decision against the Falcons.

Doubles teams of Alison Jean and Jen Touchette (6-2, 6-1) and Lynn Moreau and Marie Trincaretto (6-0, 6-1) got through the competition with ease to give AHS a chance to win.

Jill Ruhlman dropped two sets at 6-4 in number one singles action and Jess Liptak was swept at third singles (3-6, 1-6). But Cornwell came through to give Agawam its 11th victory.

Earlier in the week the Brownies shelled Cathedral, 5-0, with everybody winning their match.

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Over Ten Years' Experience

Brownie Girls Take Revenge On Falcons; Lose To West Side

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Last week started out nicely for the Agawam High girls' softball team. They had a chance to avenge an earlier league loss to Minnechaug Regional High by playing the Falcons in their own backyard.

They knew they were in a tough one early when they fell behind by four runs, but the talented nine from Agawam roared back with aggressive baserunning and timely hitting to turn back the upstarts from Wilbraham, 14-8 last Wednesday afternoon at Agawam High.

Next came a rugged battle with West Springfield High and the Brownies came up short when a Kim Trudel throwing error in the seventh inning gave the homesteading Terriers a 5-4 win.

That puts the Brownies in a difficult late season predicament as they stand 2-3 in the Valley League with home games remaining against the top-rated Hurricanes of Amherst and the Terriers from West Side.

Agawam had been cruising along at 9-0 this season when the league schedule began in Wilbraham. They got out early in that game powered by a Trudel homer and some nifty baserunning. However, Minnechaug battled back to win the ballgame 8-6. Currently, they stand at 12-3, hoping to finish strong to pick off that second seed in the upcoming Western Mass championship playoffs.

Last Wednesday came the "retribution" as coined by Coach Debbie Lickley. Minnechaug got two quick singles in the first against Lauren Seymour and then worked the runners home courtesy of a sacrifice bunt and a fielder's choice to grab a 2-0 lead.

Agawam did its familiar work in the bottom of the inning as Stephanie Mason reached on an error, swiped two bases, and the ever-patient Chris Bousquet worked her bunting magic for the first run. With two outs, Trudel walked, committed two acts of thievery, and then waltzed home on a passed ball to tie the score.

Seymour suffered through a miserable second as the Falcons ran wild on the basepaths following two walks, a single, and a big two run triple to earn themselves a 6-2 lead. Having already beaten the Brownies in Wilbraham, they had no reason to believe that they couldn't do it again.

There was no further scoring until the bottom of the third when Trudel followed a Bousquet single with a booming two run homer to rightfield. April Rapa singled to keep it going and she came plateward following a delayed steal of second and two passed balls. Cyndi Stone knotted the game at six when she smacked a homer to left.

Minnechaug quickly went back on top with two runs in the fourth. But Agawam got even again as Carolyn Angelini and Mason were both hit by a pitch and they would ultimately score on wild pitches. After four, it was a brand new ballgame.

Miss Lickley knew that the Brownies needed the win badly and she brought in Stone to battle from the mound in the late innings. And Cyndi was solidly on her game. In three innings, she absolutely slammed the door with three strikeouts, no walks, and allowed just one scratch single.

Buoyed by their first chance to take the lead, the Brownies went to town in the fifth. Laura Bielitz led off with a walk and Stone was hit by a pitch. Shannon Hogan loaded the bases by drawing a free pass and Angelini knocked in the game winner by watching four bad ones go by.

The wildness continued until Debbie Conklin roped a single to plate another one and Trudel smoked a two run triple to right-center and scored on an over-throw. The Brownies were in command 14-8 and the Minnechaug spirit (and spell) had been broken.

In West Springfield on Friday, the two league powers locked up in a dandy that was tied at 3-3 in the seventh. Stone led with a walk in the visiting half inning and stole second. She moved to third on a groundout and scored on a passed ball. Agawam led it 4-3 entering the last chance at bat for the Terriers.

They got the first out harmlessly enough on a fly ball to right that was juggled but eventually caught. Bielitz overthrew Trudel at first on a grounder to third and the tying run was in scoring position.

A single to center put the tying run at third and the winner at first when Stone induced a comebacker to the mound. She froze the runner on third and threw to Trudel for the second out. The lead runner broke for home and Trudel's throw was low and in the dirt. It skipped to the backstop as the tying run crossed. The ball was not retrieved in time to prevent the second runner from scoring, and the Terriers had themselves a big victory

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Outgoing Mail...

Important Role For Greg Harris On BoSox

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor



Greg Harris
c/o Boston Red Sox Baseball Club
Yawkey Way
Boston, MA

Dear Greg,

Hi, I saw a headline out here in the Springfield paper this morning with your name emblazoned across it. I didn't get a chance to read the story, but I do know that it had something to do with the fact that you wanted to get back into the starting rotation.

My thoughts take me into a different direction. I believe that you should stay right where you are as a setup man. It has to be difficult to swallow your pride and deal with the fact that you possess one of the most thankless positions that the sport has to offer.

Somebody (probably Butch Hobson and Rich Gale) should communicate to you how important that you have been as the Sox have gotten out of the gate as well as they have. The mere fact that, at this writing, you have allowed none of the 12 baserunners that you have inherited to score is testimony enough to your effectiveness.

I can recall how foolish that you make Jose Canseco and all the other musclemen look when they deal with your curveball. It is a thing of beauty. I only wish that Ned Martin was still around to call it a "yellow hammer." It was also a wonder to know that you are comfortable enough with your surroundings that you can ride the mass transit system on your way to the ballpark.

The way that you pitch is so cerebral that I know (that you know) how important the role of setup man is to a professional team. I have had you on my Fantasy team for both seasons that I have played, and your ERA is so consistently low that all you ever do is help me.

Like so many others, I am unsure if Jeff Russell will hold up medically. He has been awesome so far, but I believe that you will go to the head of the class (ahead of Ryan and the others) if Russell goes down.

I am sure that you would be an effective starter again, but your resiliency and day-after-day availability is a bonus that not too many other clubs enjoy. Greg, I love the Red Sox and I think that you are one of the most important guys on the club. I just wanted to make sure that you knew that you are appreciated.

Keep your head if things don't go the way you hope. There are more of us that know about your key contributions than you might imagine. Tell Uncle Lou to give you a raise or something and stay put.

From my way of thinking, a ballplayer would rather go to the park every day thinking that he has a chance to contribute a lot more than a guy who can only help out once every fifth day. Good luck to you.

If you have any publicity photos made up, I would love to have one to hang in my sports room. Thanks, Greg.

Sincerely,
Bob Johnson

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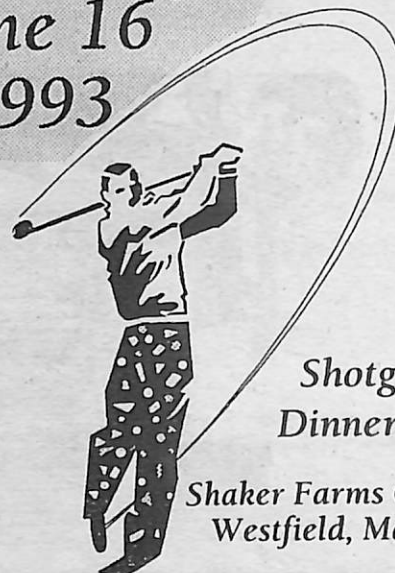
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—By Bill Chiba—
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Ted Leal And His "Handmade" Turkey Call

Evidently, there is a lot of truth in claiming that the turkey call "handmade" by Ted Leal is working out. Ted and Kevin Manning tracked me down last Tuesday (May 11th) while I was taking my early morning walk.

The minute that I spied the look on Ted's face, I knew that I had won my \$20 bet on his getting his first turkey during the second part of the season. He held up a beautiful mature tom that Kevin called in on Ted's homemade instrument; the tom put on quite a show for the boys, strutting back and forth in front of them with his large wings dragging along the ground.

It is Kevin's turn next. I expected a call from him this week, but I guess his boss cracked down. He did frown on Kevin coming in late to work.

By the way, the turkey weighed 16 pounds, sported a nine-inch beard, and 3/4-inch spurs. It's definitely a nice bird for mounting on a den wall.



TED LEAL bagged his first turkey.

MARINE FISHING

At its mouth, the water temperature of the Connecticut River is in the low 60's.

Winter flounder fishing is excellent and may be at its peak, with the Connecticut River mouth being the hot spot. Other good areas include Norwalk Harbor off Calf Pasture Pt., Housatonic River, Clinton Harbor, and the Thames River from

the sub base to the mouth.

School bass fishing is still good. Blackfish (tautog) are starting to show up on the reefs. The rocks off Millstone Pt. (Waterford) have been yielding good catches. The bluefish should be arriving any day now.

Captain Gary Schneider of Agawam is taking out parties on his boat for cod, bluefish, and stripers. Give him a call at his home for more information on making arrangements for a weekend of fabulous fishing.

Captain Brad Glas announces that he is on a spring sailing schedule: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and holidays. You can get hold of the captain by calling (203) 535-3200; he is located in Groton, CT, 06340.

The Pioneer Valley Boat and Surf Club will meet Tuesday, June 1st, at the Agawam Sportsmen Club, Inc., on Corey Street in Agawam at 7:30 p.m.

Another very informative meeting will be held. Rich Cotti will give a presentation on boat fishing for striped bass at Cape Cod. Rich is one of the top boat fishermen in the club; in 1991, he took the largest striper of the year with a 56-pound giant.

Rich can answer any question you might throw at him. He is extremely knowledgeable on the politics of the sport, keeping up with rules, regulations, and legislation involving both recreational and commercial fishing. There is no charge for attending the meeting.

Dues for the Agawam Sportsmen Club are only \$20 per year. If you want any info on the club or related subjects, you can call Dave Casinghino at 789-1505.

It is amazing, but Saunders Marina at Congamond Lakes is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. Carl and Kurt are the fifth generation to operate the marina.

Kurt sends you his regards and reminds you to visit him if you are having any difficulties with your fishing or large pleasure motors. He is in full operation at this time.

I'm often asked about water visibility and how it might affect your fishing with color lines or spinners. According to the experts at South Bend, water clarity varies and so does the ability of the fish to see lures.

Here's a simple gauge used by expert fishermen. Put on a white lure and push your rod tip straight down into the water. If the lure disappears within six inches, visibility is limited, so use rattling type or highly vibratory lures to appeal to a fish's sonar sense.

If the lure disappears within three to four feet, visibility is fair; therefore, it would be wise to use contrasting colors in lures, such as metallics, yellows and reds. If your lure disappears at a depth of six feet or more, visibility is good and, consequently, you can use natural lure colors such as shiner, shad, and bluegill.

Does spitting on lures help? Strangely enough, it can with fish that have a good sense of smell. The stench of hand acid is so strong it can spook fish away from a lure.

In saliva there is a substance called ptyalin, which is an acid neutralizer. So, spitting on a lure can mask the human odor and possibly aid in the catching of more of some fish species (a South Bend tip).

SOFTBALL - from Page 45...

(and had positioned themselves nicely in the playoff seeding chance).

Coach Lickley challenged her team on their mental toughness following the loss to West Springfield. "I simply told them that Agawam High softball is one of the best teams around talent-wise and that it is time that we have to become a lot tougher to win these big games. We play and fight hard all year to have these games mean something and we just haven't come through in the tight, clutch ballgames.

"We will have to play a perfect game to beat Amherst (at home, at presstime) and we need to win the rest of our games plus get help from others in order to get ourselves within reach of our goals."

Agawam hosts West Springfield in the rematch on Monday, May 24th at 3:30. In a post script to the West Springfield ballgame, blue and white spray paint found its way to Agawam High School on Friday night where severe acts of vandalism took place on school buildings and athletic facilities surrounding the Agawam softball diamonds.

S.H.A.A. Girls' 8-10 Softball Standings

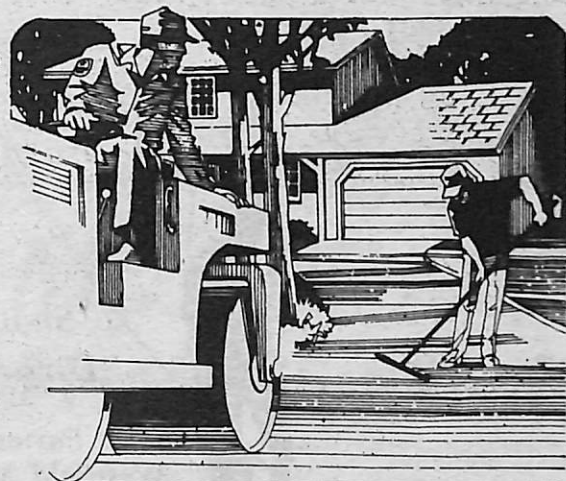
One-Stop Redemption	3	1
Polish Nat'l Credit Union	3	1
Lions Club	2	2
Superior Sports	1	3
Micro-Test Labs	1	3

S.H.A.A. Standings For Girls' 11-13 League

TEAM	W	L	P
Valenti's	4	0	8
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Pierce Const./Bundy Motors	3	1
Spalding/J.W. Wimpy's	2	2
Pierce Construction	2	2
Sportswear Spectrum	1	3

"B" NATIONAL

Cabin	7	0
Spirit Shoppe/Breakers	7	0
Cortina's Tile	4	3
Valley Scrubbers	4	2
Buccaneer Lounge	3	3
Plainfield	3	4
Scoreboard 1	2	5
Bogey's	2	5
Powers Cafe	1	4
E.B.'s	0	6
Frank's Action Sports	0	6

"B" AMERICAN-NORTH

Dickson Mechanical	5	0
Italian Sporting Club	5	1
202 Liquors	5	1
Gino's Package Store	4	2
Elbow Lounge	4	3
Agawam Moose Club	3	3
Village Lounge	3	5
Scrappy's Liquors	2	2
Scoreboard 2	2	5
Abbett Tax Consultants	1	6
Wizard Auto Body	0	6

"B" AMERICAN-SOUTH

Coast To Coast	5	2
Balise/Honda	5	2
Pink Cadillac	4	2
Bio Care	4	2
Allen Lawnmower	4	3
Desi's Place	3	3
Bertelli's Liquors	3	3
Balzer's Tool Coating	3	3
Teddy Bear Pools	2	4
P.T.S.	2	4
Buccaneer Lounge	2	5
Agawam Tire/Auto	1	5

Agawam Little League STANDINGS

SENIOR LEAGUE

Malone's Indians	3	0
Greeneedle's Red Sox	2	1
Yankees	1	1
Comm. Disp. Mets	1	1
Cascio's Orioles	1	2
Schlafer's Athletics	0	3

MAJOR LEAGUE

Advertiser News Giants	3	0
Police Assoc. Orioles	3	0
Mushy's Yankees	2	1
Rollaway Mets	1	1
Take-Five Red Sox	1	1
Royals	1	1
Coffee Pause Braves	1	2
Hastie Fence Athletics	2	2
Spfld. Turnverien Indians	0	2
Soda City Dodgers	0	3

MINOR LEAGUE

Teddy Bears' Mets	4	0
VFW 1632 Red Sox	3	0
Mercolino's Giants	4	1
Polish Club's Royals	3	2
Monkiewicz's Indians	2	2
Valenti's Orioles	1	2
Bolduc's Yankees	1	3
Lions Club Dodgers	0	3
Braves	0	5

Week Number Five...

Golf Tip Of The Week

by Jim Modzelesky, PGA
Oak Ridge Golf Club, Feeding Hills

Mistake - Poor set-up

In a golfer's eagerness, he often positions the ball too far forward. The shoulders will then, during the swing, move to the left, causing a slice, the ball curving from left to right. Many mis-hits result from this common error.

A spare club must be positioned on the ground so that you can see the ball in its bad relationship

to the left foot.

Correction

With the ball moved back toward the center of the body, the shoulders now will be aimed properly at the target, and the swing will let you use your power to drive the ball, rather than loft, top, or miss it. (Don't forget to take that spare club away before you swing!).

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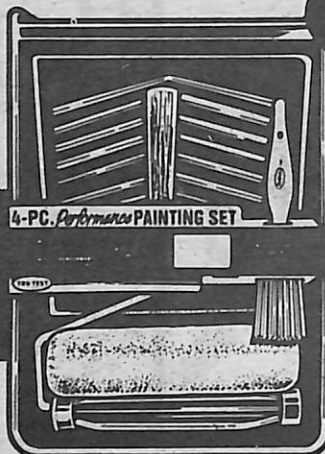
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Daggett Gymnasts Win National, State Titles At Prestigious Meets

In a fiercely contested battle among hundreds of gymnasts from across the country, Jeff LaVallee from Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics, was crowned the Junior National Champion in the All-Around. The competition, which was held recently on the campus of Michigan State University in Ann Arbor, MI, determined the 1993-94 Junior National Team.

In addition to LaVallee, who resides in Stafford Springs, CT, Aaron Vexler of Amherst, MA, another TDGMG gymnast, also qualified for the eight-member national team.

Both young men, coached by Olympic Gold Medalist Tim Daggett, have also qualified for the prestigious U.S. Olympic Festival in San Antonio, Texas, to be held this August. This festival is renowned for having provided a stepping-stone for numerous gymnasts who have gone on to Olympic glory.

Other Tim Daggett standouts included Mike Moran from Windsor, CT, who clinched the national title on the Floor Exercise, and Joe Roemer of Pittsfield, MA, who both qualified for the Developmental National Team.

The 10-member boys' team from TDGMG of Agawam, MA, represented the largest competitive contingent of any gymnastics club throughout the United States.

In other recent gymnastics action, Kari Barnowski, a Level 5, seven year-old, brought home the third State Championship title for Daggett Gymnastics.

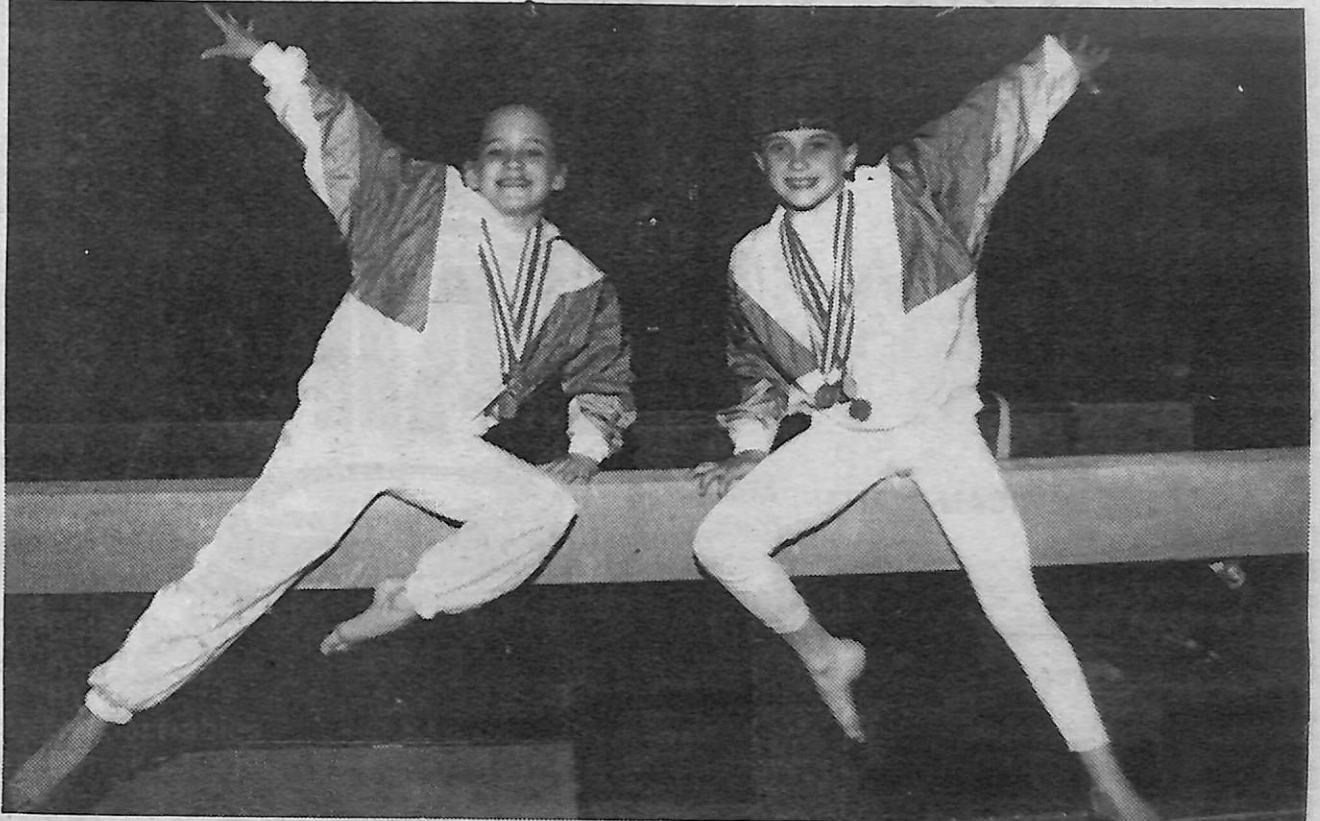
The State meet was held at Algonquin High School in Northboro, MA, on May 9th. Jaime Scott Smith and Kari competed for the Level 5 state championship title. Jaime, an eight year-old, came home decorated with a third-place medal on Floors and Bars, and earned fifth place on Vault.

Kari placed first on Floor with an 8.8, second on Beam, fourth on Vault, and dazzled the crowd with a 34.35 in the All-Around to win the State title.

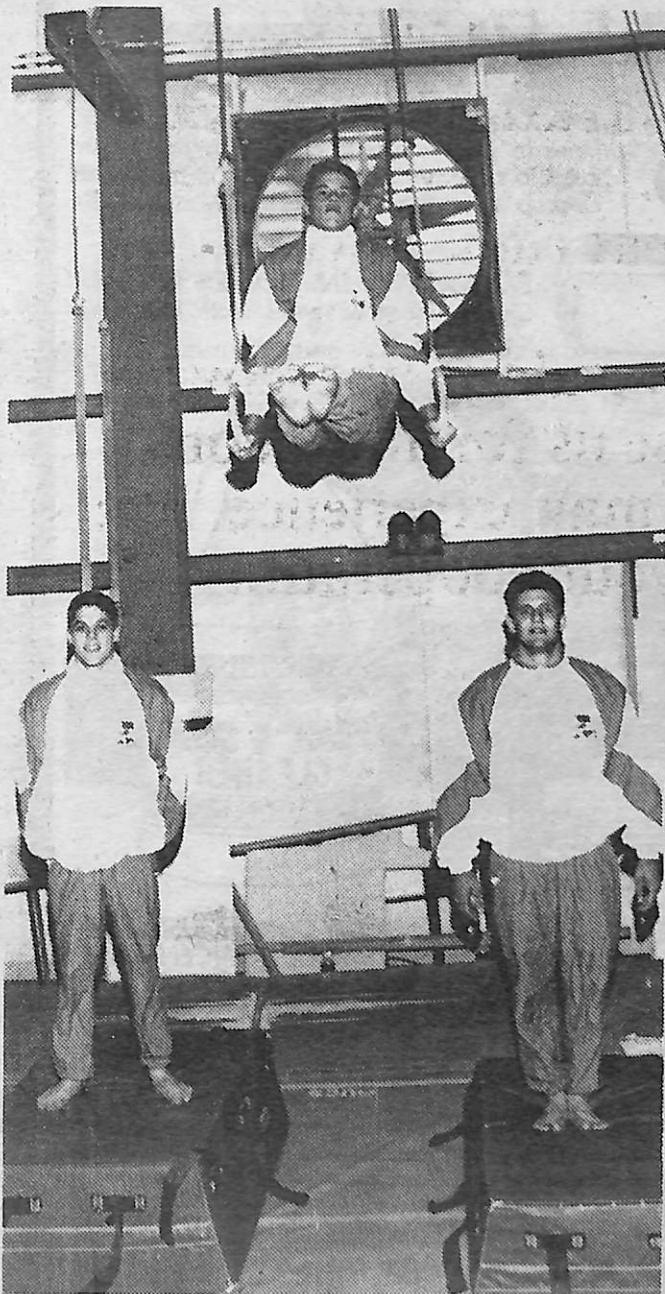
Daggett finished its season for the women with a Triple Crown, including Level 7 State Champ Michelle Germano, Level 6 State Champ Linda Kaufman, and Level 5 State Champ Kari Barnowski. Needless to say, the future for Daggett gymnasts sure looks bright!



MEMBERS OF THE TIM DAGGETT Gold Medal Gymnastics team who recently competed in the national tournament. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JAIME SCOTT SMITH (left) placed third and KARI BARNOWSKI was the overall champion in the seven year-old state championship meet representing Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JEFF LAVALLE (on rings) was named Junior National Champion representing Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics. Jeff is pictured with teammates Mike Moran (left) and Aaron Vexler. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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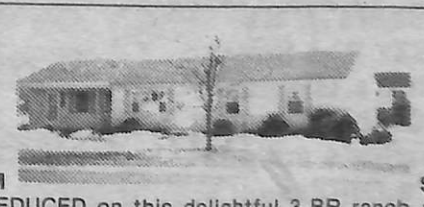
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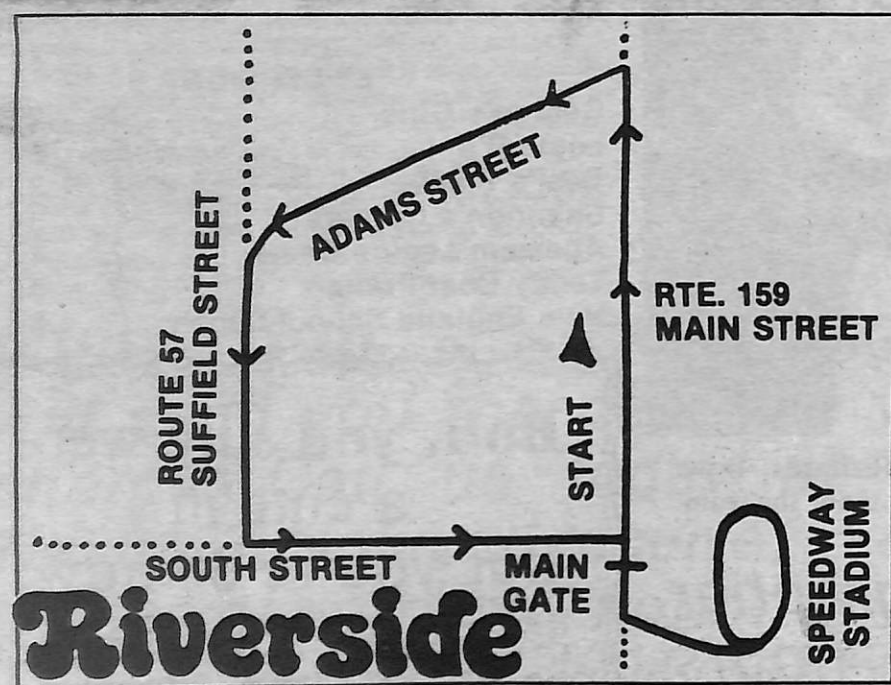
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KRISTINE MODZELESKY with Springfield Indians Mike Tomlak, Hartford Whaler Zarley Zalapski, Indians Assistant Coach Tim Kerr, and Hartford Whaler Andrew Cassels.



KRISTINE MODZELESKY meets, from left - Springfield Indians Todd Richards, Brian Chapman, and Chris Govedaris at Oak Ridge Golf Club at an afternoon of golf for the team.

PLEASE REMEMBER that photographer Jack Devine needs at least 48 hours notice to come out and cover your event. If Jack is out, please leave a message. Jack can be reached at 789-0053.

Agawam Women's Softball Standings (As Of May 16th)

"A" DIVISION

Desi's Place	4	0
TJ's Sporthouse	3	2
Buccaneer Lounge	3	2
Southworth Paper	2	3
Miracles	2	4
Elbow Lounge	2	5

"B" DIVISION

George's Girls	6	2
Louie B's	5	1
Desi's Place	4	2
Shannon's Corners	4	3
Agawam Legion Bears	2	4
Teddy Bear Pools	2	5
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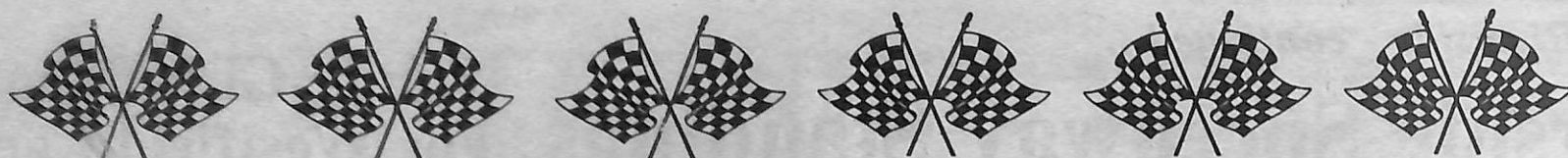
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RACING AT Riverside Speedway

Chris Kopec Savours First Victory At Riverside In Modified Division

At Riverside Park Speedway on Saturday, May 15th, it was one of those stories that dreams were made of—a rookie Modified driver from the Strictly Stocks winning his first Modified Tour Type event.

Jim Houghton, the hometown boy, was a hero ... and, just as everyone had left, his dream turned into a nightmare. In a post-race inspection, NASCAR chief steward Dick Brooks discovered a mix-up with the rear-end gears and Houghton was disqualified. A crowd of 4,761 left seeing it their own way, but the end result was something different—**Chris Kopec** was given the victory (his first Modified win), with **Rocky Mazzioto** securing an exciting win in the Late Models, and **Rob Valerio** winning his third victory in the Strictly Stocks.

In the Modified event, Fran Principi was in front during the first three laps when Ed Spiers powered into the lead. While this was happening, Jim Houghton, Eric LeClair, and Richie Gallup were battling for third. Defending champion Jerry Marquis broke some suspension components and brought out the first caution.

On lap eight, Houghton took the lead and Chris Kopec became another challenger. In the middle of the field, Reggie Ruggiero, Dan Avery, Larry Moore, Stan Greger, and Ed Kennedy swapped paint. Avery then brought out a caution with a surprise spin, and tour veterans such as Steve Park and Mike Ewainitsko all battled from the back.

Later in the event, it was LeClair who really applied the pressure, but Ruggiero was moving in and Houghton was driving the race of his career. A late-event restart set LeClair out in front; yet, when the lineup was reset, it was Houghton who had gone in front. LeClair was the next victim, as he went around while running a strong second.

To the checker it was Jim Houghton followed by Chris Kopec (Gary's Auto/Triple B Towing).

Third was Reggie Ruggiero (Haymond Law), with Bobby Gee (Sher's International Auto) and Ed Kennedy (Pederson Floor) coming in fourth and fifth, respectively.

Sixth through 10th were Larry Moore (West Hartford Tool), Stan Greger (Lauro Law), Steve Park (United Ceramic Tile), Richard Savery (C&W Horse), and Dan Avery (Porter Chester).

"I am thrilled ... this is a dream come true! I just can't believe it happened because this is a dream of a lifetime!" uttered Houghton, whose excitement and enthusiasm were ultimately dashed by way of a disqualification, thereby giving Chris Kopec the Modified win.

Rocky Mazzioto (driving for Mark's Auto Parts) dominated the Late Models with an impressive victory. It was a four-car finish at the wire as Doug D'alessandro nosed in for second, and Barry Grey came from the back for a great third. Early on in the event, incidentally, it was Jay Stewart who went around with some help.

Following Mazzioto, D'alessandro, and Grey to the checker were Gary Pellitier and Jay Stewart to round out the top five, and Marty Leary, Czarnecki, Mike Quintaliano, Paul Dipisa, and Glen Griswold earned the sixth- through 10th-place spots.

Rob Valerio played hard and rough with Jeff Connors to slam his way to victory lane in the Strictly Stocks. Connors was second, followed by Todd Owens, Larry Bouchard, and Roger Fujimoto. Sixth through 10th were E.J. Legacy, Dave Watts, Bill Reiman, Herb Carlon, and Rosi Hall.

This Saturday, May 22nd, Riverside will present a four-division event featuring the Modified Tour, Pro Stocks, Late Models, and Strictly Stocks. The price for adults is \$10.99, and kids are just \$2.99. Remember, the Saturday night action at Riverside begins at 6:00 p.m.

Twilight 5-Miler Set For Riverside Park Sunday, May 23rd

Riverside Park will host the 14th annual twilight five-miler on Sunday, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. More than 800 runners are expected to attend.

Nancy Nealon, the race coordinator, contributes the growing success of the race to Riverside's owner and general manager, Ed Carroll Jr. "It's Mr. Carroll's love for running and people that makes the five-miler so successful!"

Cash prizes from \$50 to \$300 will be awarded in all adult categories to the first five winners.

Riverside's Kids' Fun Run has been an annual event for six years and will begin at 1:00 p.m. Kids from two through eight years-old will compete for various prizes including bicycles, radios, sports equipment, ribbons, and stuffed animals. The Fun Run has grown from 200 runners the first year to 780 runners in 1992.

For more information or to register, contact Riverside Park, Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001 or call 1-800-370-7488. Registration for the kids run is \$9.00. The adult championship is \$14.00. Discounts are available for teams.

Registration on the day of the race will be from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Riverside's South Gate. Registration includes three FREE Riverside admission tickets and a T-shirt for the first 750 runners.

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Kennedy	100	Chapman	36		
Ruggiero	96	Dipisa	30		
Gegetsas	94	Griswold	26		
Kopec	86	Wenzel	22		
Moore	68	Czarnecki	22		
Greger	58				
LeClair	54	STRICTLY STOCKS			
Gallup	44	Valerio	122		
Savary	38	Lagacy	106		
Houghton	36	Owen	104		
Berube	36	Carlton	102		
Principi	36	Fujimoto	90		
Spiers	30	Minchella	82		
PRO STOCKS			64		
Caruso	74	Allessio	60		
Lobo	64	Arena	50		
Fearn	60	Charette	50		
Marquis	56	Connors	48		
Carey	52	Leone	48		
Carroll, Eddy	48	Reiman	40		
Bouley	34	Salmond	38		
Carroll, Ed	34	Watts	31		
Salzarulo	26	Southworth			
Forino	24	PRO 4 MODIFIEDS			
Czarnecki	18	Savary	26		
Hebert	18	Meservey	24		
Papale	18	LeMay	22		
Duquette	16	Dupuis	20		
Turcotte	12	Lemonica	18		
LATE MODELS			16		
Stuart	120	Petrizzo	14		
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D'alessandro	90	Bitondo	10		
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Bicyclists can ride with Kriger on either a 25- or 50-mile route through Longmeadow, Hampden, Wilbraham, East Longmeadow, and parts of Connecticut. There will also be a one-mile fun ride offered. Riders will return for a "welcome back" pizza reception at Grande Meadows after the ride.

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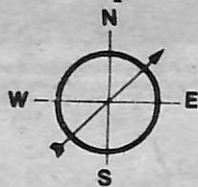
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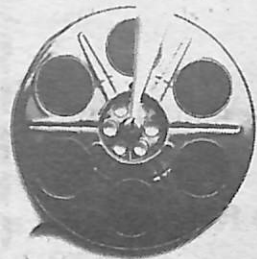
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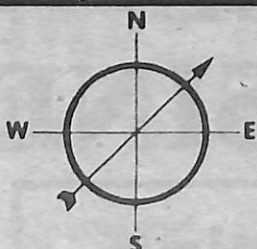
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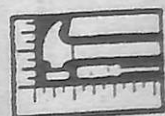
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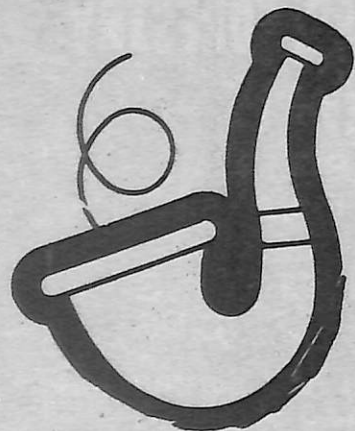
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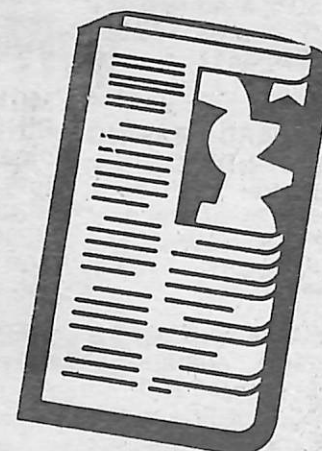
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